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WHAT'S AFOOT?

Our readers must surely agree that, to judge by all the signs, "things are hotting up". Something very important is surely happening! And one wonders to what extent the current fierce war *(in that very land where our first ancestors may have been created!)* is being employed as a "cover" — designed to take mankind's attention off "something else"?

If we look at the present scene from another angle, there is also obvious cause for great concern. I refer to the crime statistics generally, and the clear indications that human standards and human civilizations are collapsing rapidly in most areas of the globe — expecially in the United States and in Britain.

For example, such activities as paedophilia, sexual abuse of children, and the rape and murder of little girls, seem to be increasing in an astonishing fashion. Last year we also heard of numerous cases, in Britain, where "mysterious strangers" had called at homes and endeavoured to see or to interview children. We have Police Forces that are second to none in the world. And yet we have not read in our newspapers that a single one of these "mysterious strangers" was subsequently detected or apprehended! Well now — isn't that rather "odd"? And doesn't it put you in mind of something else?

Another disturbing feature in recent times is that of individuals — allegedly ordinary humans like ourselves — "going berserk" and murdering whole swathes of folk around them.

Phenomena like these might indicate, as I have already suggested some years ago, either that there is an on-going and very alarming decline in the quality of the humans being born here into our gene-pool, *or that, maybe, a whole lot of the population now here already aren't "human" anyway, because critters of some other sort are being infiltrated into the system? The drive to get us all hooked on destructive addictive drugs would simply be a part of the work.*

In support of these thoughts, which have been in my mind for a good many years past, I take this opportunity to mention that an important American scientist has recently claimed that such a programme is already under way to remove the entire human stock from this planet *and to replace it by "something else"*... (*Conquest from within* would be far smarter and far subtler than the crude concept of "Invasion from Outer Space" which is just about all that the crass fellows of our "Media" can conjure up for the TV circus. And, in any case, talk of "Space Invaders" is always a good way of putting us off the scent.)

Already we may have dictators and politicians and military leaders here who *"are not of this fold"*. Maybe we have already had them for centuries past.

In the near future it may be possible to say a little more about delicate questions like these. But such discussion is extremely dangerous, and can of course easily lead to "speedy termination".

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH "GREENISH-FACED" CREATURES IN POLAND IN 1978

We are grateful in the first place, to Mrs Joan Amos, who lives near Tavistock in Devonshire, for bringing to our attention this remarkable report from Poland. And since making our own edited version of the very defective English text which accompanies the Polish original, we find that our French colleagues of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* have also now issued a French rendering of it (in their No. 299 (Sept./Oct. 1989).

Credit for the report should go to the members of a Polish UFO Investigation Group at Wroclaw (better known to us by its former German name of *Breslau*) in south-west Poland. Their full title and address are as given below. It is evident that they have gone to a great deal of trouble to produce such a carefully researched account of this very weird affair, and we congratulate them and thank them.

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I. OUTLINE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND UNFOLDMENT OF THE INCIDENT

It happened at Emilcin, a village lying some 140 kms. to the south-east of Warsaw.

On the morning in question (May 10, 1978), the weather was cold. A farmer was passing through a forest in a cart drawn by a horse ... Suddenly he saw, ahead of him, two individuals who were walking in the same direction as himself. His cart caught up with them, and passed them. Then suddenly they leapt aboard the vehicle. The farmer, who up till then had thought they were hunters, noticed that their skin was of a greenish hue. Nevertheless he continued driving

his cart, along the edge of the forest and towards a meadow. A moment or so later, he discerned a white thing rising above the fields and standing out against the green of the forest behind it. The thing looked like a *"short bus".* When his cart arrived near this object, the two passengers signed to the driver to halt.

Then they led him towards the machine. All three climbed aboard, via a small lift. On board were two other creatures, identical in appearance to the first two. The farmer was ordered to undress, and underwent a sort of examination, after which they showed him the way out. Via the same lift, he reached the ground again, and then got up into his cart and hastened homewards to tell his family all about it. Shortly afterwards, some people from his village arrived at the clearing, but the white object was no longer there, nor were its crew. However, at certain places in the clearing and along the road, they found footprints of an unusual shape, and, in the dew-laden grass, marks indicating the passage of two persons walking side by side.

At the same time, a six-year-old boy living a few hundred metres distant from the field in question saw *"a strange aircraft"* flying over a barn, before climbing into the air with a roar.

All this took place on Wednesday, May 10, 1978, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, in the village of Emilcin, in the Commune of Opole Lubelskie, Province of Lublin. (Lublin is at Lat. 50° 12N., Long. 22° 38E. G.C.) And the hero of this story is a farmer aged 71, Jan Wolski, who lives in Emilcin.

II. DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT

On the day in question, Jan Wolski had got up from bed at a few minutes before 5.00 a.m. He had harnessed a four-year-old mare to the cart, and had driven her to Dabrowa Kusmierska to be served by a stallion.

He was on his way back, along dirt-roads, for he had not had the time to get the mare shod, and didn't want to make her go along the metalled road. There is in fact such a road, parallel to the route taken by Wolski, and some 50 metres from it. The clearing thus lies some 200 metres off the Opole Lubelskie — Belzyce — Lublin highway, with only a small wood and some cultivated fields between.

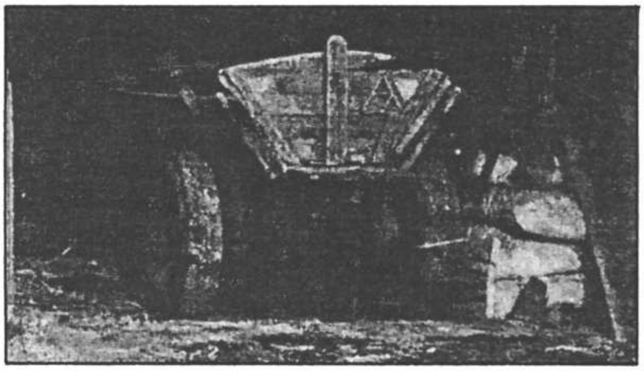
He came off a dirt-road on to a path running beneath the trees towards a meadow. For the mare it was the first time that she had been along most of this route. While proceeding along this path he now noticed, over in the right-hand side of the meadow, two persons who were walking in the same direction as he was going, at a distance of about 40 metres or so from his cart. Wolski thought they were hunters. When the cart came out onto the meadow, he noticed that they were walking round and round, as though waiting to let the farmer get near to them. Maybe they had heard the sound of the cart coming behind them.

It was at this point that Wolski was struck by the greenish tinge of their faces. The way in which they walked was like the way that divers walk on the seabed: they were performing "supple jumps".

Wolski noticed, near some clumps of trees, that these two individuals, to whom he was getting closer and closer, tried to jump across a patch of mud. One of them managed to do so, as though "sliding " across.

Having passed the muddy place, the cart was now on a level with the "hunters", who stepped aside, one to the right and the other to the left, to let him through.

For a few moments they carried on walking along beside the cart. Then they jumped aboard it and sat



Jan Wolski's cart.

down, one on each side. They sat down very softly. As for the mare, she now had to make quite an effort to pull this extra load. According to one of the sources quoted, the creatures stopped, before jumping onto the cart and gesturing to the driver to carry on ahead. They took their places on the cross-boards, with their legs hanging down, about 1.2 m behind the driver, who turned round to take a look at his two passengers.

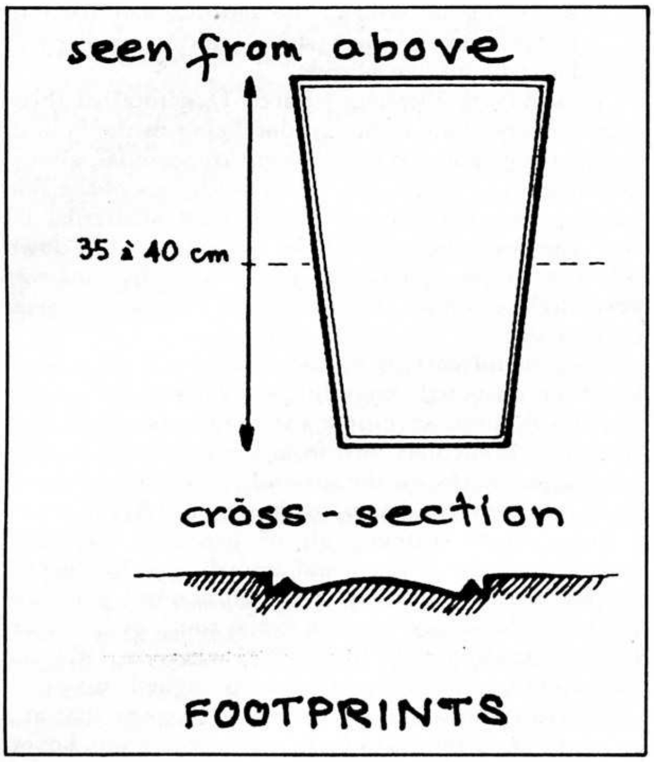
While the cart trundled on, the creatures turned towards each other and exchanged a few words, incomprehensible to Wolski.

And so all three of them proceeded for some thirty or forty metres, among the clumps of trees, until the cart entered the clearing. According to K. Piechota (source no. 1), the cart would have gone nearer to 80 metres before reaching the clearing, in the western part of which, some 70 m. or so distant, the white object was hanging in the air, on the edge of the forest.

They carried on for a further 40 metres or so across the clearing and then, with a hand signal, one of the creatures told him to stop.

Behind the white object, the forest trees ranged in height between 7 and 12 m.

The various sources quoted (4, 6, 1, corroborated by 9 and 11, 5, and finally 7) give different values for the distance separating the stopping-point of the cart from the object, their figures being, respectively, 35,



30, 20, 10, and, finally, 5 m. At any rate, however the case may have been, it was from that particular moment that the farmer heard a faint humming sound emitted by the object.

At first the mare did not want to stop, and one of the creatures seized the reins and pulled on them in order to bring her to a halt.

When she arrived in the vicinity of the object, the mare took fright, and wanted to go on. At this point the mysterious entities got down from the cart and made signs to Wolski to do likewise. One of them helped him to get down. Wolski was then able to feel the strength that they had in their wrists.

All three of them then went over towards the object, the farmer walking in the middle. When they got there, a small lift held by four cables came down. One of the mysterious beings stepped onto the platform, and invited Wolski to do likewise. He also gestured to Wolski to grasp the cables, while his companion turned away towards his right, towards the horse. According to Sieradzka (source no.13), when Wolski stopped, in front of the door of the craft, he turned around, and saw the other entity, who had remained in the clearing, was looking at the animal.

Nothing, however, among the documents available to the WCPE-UFO Club so far indicates that the animal was also given an "examination".

According to two sources (1 and 13), the platform was already down on the ground, near the object, when they came to it. However the case may be, Wolski had the impression that the platform was made of wood.

It rose rapidly, and stopped before an opening. Wolski had felt nothing as it started, and did not understand what it was that drove it. The being who was accompanying him signed to him to lead the way in. According to Z. Blania-Bolnar (sources 6 and 8) a slight pressure by the unknown being helped him to make up his mind to do so.

Stepping into the object, Wolski paused, bracing himself with his right hand against the entrance. Inside the chamber, the walls of which were almost black, were two more beings identical with the first two. One of them was eating something that looked like an icicle.

The first two beings had now joined the others. They broke their food "like biscuits" (according to source 11). One of them gestured to Wolski to ask if he wanted any. He refused.

Still gesturing, the one who had come in with Wolski signed to him to undress. The other one, who came in only several minutes later, arrived while he was undressing. Wolski took off his coat, his jacket, and his shirt. Evidently the intruders were in a hurry, for one of them helped Wolski to unbutton his shirt.

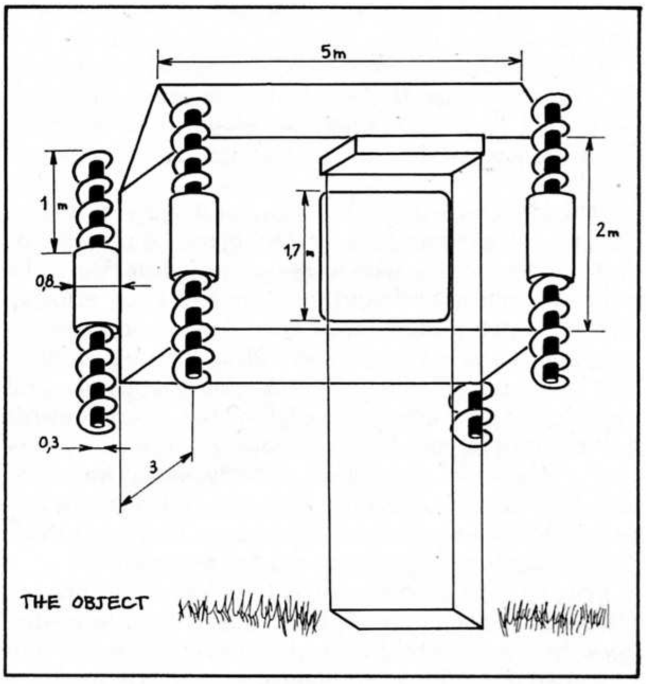
Then he was told to undress completely. While he did so, there appeared on the faces of the unknown beings an expression containing at the same time something of both a smile and grimace. One of them was facing him at a distance of 1½ to 2 m. He was holding, in each hand, a disc-shaped object that seemed as it were attached to the palm by some such effect as a suction-pad.

These discs, grey in colour, were vibrating, and emitting a dull humming sound with no metallic tone to it.

The entity who had come in with Wolski first of all positioned Wolski with one side facing towards the other entity with the discs; then with his back towards him; and then finally with the other side. When Wolski was presenting a side, he had to keep the corresponding arm raised.

Later on, in front of the TV cameras, Wolski said that when the individual was moving the discs about in front of him he had the impression that they were taking photographs of him from the front, the back, and both sides.

According to W. Wawrzonek (source no. 5) Wolski stood motionless while the entity holding the discs walked around him and raised Wolski's arms. *The farmer then discovered that the fingers of the creature*



were very cold. Simultaneously he smelt an odour such as is produced by burning sulphur.

His overcoat was so powerfully impregnated with this smell that, two days later, it was still emitting it to such a strong degree that he had to hide all his clothes *lest his wife might suspect that it was the cause of the headaches by which she was being plagued.*

At the UFOlogical Congress in Lublin in 1985, Wolski declared that he had not been longer than 12 minutes or so inside the object. While he was undressed, the mysterious beings looked at his clothes, spread out on the floor around him. They were par-

ticularly interested in his leather trouser-belt, alternately unbuckling and buckling it, talking together as they did so.

While they were examining the belt, grimaces appeared on their faces. K. Bzowski (source 7) claims that they looked inside Wolski's mouth. When they had finished doing this, the one who had signed to him to get undressed indicated to him that he could now put his clothes on again.

Aboard the machine, the humming noise that Wolski had heard outside was far less perceptible. The creatures themselves made no sound as they walked about on the floor of the cabin.

Inside the thing, it was a little less cold than outside, but when Wolski was completely naked, without his shoes, he felt that it certainly was not warm.

The entity who had not been participating directly in the examination of the farmer was meanwhile walking up and down in the chamber, and from time to time putting a small black rod into two holes in one of the walls. According to one source (1) this rod was 30 or 35 cms. long, while according to another (7) it was more like a fountain-pen, slightly narrower than a finger, with a little black knob at one end. This rod was pushed into one hole, then into another, and the entity kept turning this rod in each hole, rather as one turns a key in a lock. According to source no. 5, *two* rods were *in* the holes, and if we are to accept source no. 1, there were *two* black rods, and not one, that the entity was putting into the holes.

On the floor of the cabin there were about ten black birds. They were alive: he could see their heads and their eyes moving. They seemed to be paralysed. They were either crows or rooks.

When Wolski was dressed again, they showed him the way out. Then he doffed his cap and bowed, and said "goodbye". The creatures bowed likewise, and smiled.

The same lift as before took him down, not right to the ground, but nearly to it: he had to jump, and when he braced himself against the platform in order to jump, it seemed to him that it neither moved nor shook.

Wolski returned to his cart, and turned round. Standing in the entrance to the object, he saw two or three of the entities, who were watching him. When he got to his mare, he found that she had been grazing, and had eaten quite a lot of grass. He sat down in the cart, and made off. Apparently afraid of the machine, the horse turned left as quickly as she could, and began galloping along the edge of the forest towards her master's home. It took about 10 minutes to get there. When Wolski entered, nobody was at home except his wife. His sons only arrived a little later. When he had told them all of his experience, they ran to find some neighbours, and then ran to the clearing.

When I. Sieradzska (source 13) went to Emilcin in 1978, he learned from Mme. Wolska that, following upon his experience, her husband had lain down and remained there for several hours without stirring.

When Wolski's sons got to the clearing, the object was no longer there. But, searching the site, they discovered traces. It could be seen that two people had passed through the dew-laden grass there. At three places they found the imprints of strange footwear. According to Z. Blania-Bolnar (sources 6 and 8), six people, including two members of the Wolski family, verified the presence of these footprints there.

These footprints were at the following places:–

(a) On the freshly ploughed land, behind the curtain of trees masking the meadow from the road.
(b) On a mole-hill in the clearing.
(c) In the slightly dried mud at the spot where, according to Wolski, the entities had tried to jump over a mud-patch. Here the imprint looked a bit like a "slide".

According to Piechota (source 1), a total of three imprints were found, the last one being in the field in the clearing. These imprints were trapezoidal, almost rectangular, in shape. The underneath part of the sole was convex, giving in cross-section a semicircular effect. The two long sides of the trapezium went down into the soil to a depth of 2-3 cms. Each print was very slightly longer than a human foot of a normal current size.

They found ears of maize, and even stalks, which had been uprooted. According to Wawrzonek (sources 5 and 10), these were near the footprints, along with twigs and branchlets torn from trees and shrubs, and there were marks on the ground from which it could be deduced that soil samples had been taken.

Some black feathers, all of precisely the same length, were also noticed, and according to K. Bzowski (source 7), in August 1981 a well-marked path was found, in the screen of trees to the south of the clearing, and leading right to the field where in 1978 the footprints had been found in the ploughed soil.

W. Wawrzonek (sources 5 and 10), asserts that at a point 70 m. to the east of where the object was hovering, a certain number of marks suggestive of traces left by footwear were found in the grass, over an area of several square metres. However, there was nothing particular about that place.

From a subsequent article, also by Wawrzonek (source 10), we learn that at that same spot, but beneath the soil, there was a stone which in former times had been the object of a cult, to judge by the "signs" covering its surface. Over the course of the years, the stone had sunk into the muddy soil. It was subsequently taken to a village near Warsaw.

An inspection was also made of the quite large area of grass that the horse had grazed. The estimates vary pretty considerably as to how long it would take a horse to eat that quantity of grass: for H. Kurta (source 9) "ten minutes"; for M. Sawicka (source 11) "at least half-an-hour; for Piechota (source 1) "at least an hour"; and if we rely on K. Bzowski (source 7) as much as "two hours".

Wolski arrived home at about 8.00 a.m., which would lead one to estimate that the encounter could have started at around 7.10 a.m. However, according to Bzowski (source 7) he only arrived home at about 10.30 a.m. And this is what the witness himself stated in August 1981.

Among the documentation available to the WCPE-UFO Club, there is nothing that indicates that a re-enactment of Wolski's adventure, from the start until his return home, was carried out by anybody.

Only by such a re-enactment however, would it have been possible to gauge the amount of time taken to cover the various stages of the journey.

The farm of a family named Popiolek lies about 800 m. to the west of the place of the encounter. At the time while Wolski was experiencing his adventure, two children were playing in the yard of this farm: a boy, Adas, aged 6, and Agnieszka, aged 4. Indoors, their mother was preparing the meal. Between 8 and 9 o'clock *she heard a tremendous noise of thunder.* She said: "You would have said that it came from the ground". Worried about her children, she came out, but, seeing that they were playing, she went in again. Shortly after that, *her son Adas came in to tell her that he had seen an aircraft resembling a bus, flying very low over the barn.* This aircraft had only one window, and through it Adas had seen the pilot. According to Adas, the aircraft was flying at a height of only

8 or 10 m. above the ground, and was coming from the direction of the clearing.

After passing close by the yard of the farm, the aircraft climbed vertically into the air and vanished. It was at that moment that the sound of "thunder" was heard — heard by two other people in addition to the boy Adas and his mother.

III. APPEARANCE AND BEHAVIOUR OF THE CREATURES

The intruders were around 1 m. 40 to 1 m. 50 in height. They had slim, delicate figures, and were dressed in elastic, one-piece suits of a greyish-black hue, resembling rubber.

This garment covered the entire body except for the face and the hands. At the lower end, it included the feet.

The garment adhered closely to the body except in the region of the waist, where it was less close-fitting. There were neither buttons, pockets, nor belt. The ends of the sleeves fitted closely round the wrists.

The heads were large. The face was green: olive-green according to source no. 1, or greenish-brown according to source no. 7. The high cheek-bones gave the faces an Asiatic appearance. The eyes, almond-shaped, very long, were dark, and, according to source no. 7, had nothing corresponding to what we call the white of the eye. In the place of the nose, there was only a slight protuberance with two small vertical openings (still according to source no. 7), but according to W. W. Szmit (source no. 4) the nose was straight. *The mouth was straight, and thin. Sieradzka (source 13) says the mouth was simply a mere slit.*

The grimaces that appeared from time to time on their faces were probably just smiles, but the effect was unpleasant. In fact the mouth twisted to one side. They had no lips. Their teeth were white. No hair was visible on the face. The hands, green, were slim and delicate. They had five fingers, and between the fingers there were membranes, "— like blades of grass". According to Wawrzonek (sources 5 and 10) this fine membrane, green and elastic, was everywhere between two contiguous fingers with the exception of the space between thumb and index finger, and it began at the level of the first joint of the fingers. Wolski did not see whether they had any finger-nails. Their skin was soft to the touch, and quite cold. It would not be possible to say whether this would be a permanent feature of them, or due simply to the cool early morning freshness.

On the shoulders, the beings had a "hump", as though a rolled up blanket had been slipped in under their one-piece suits. But Wolski was unable to see whether or not this protuberance behind the neck revealed some anatomical particularity.

Their legs were long, and seemed thicker than the legs of a man. Szmit (source no. 4) emphasises that the ends of their feet were "straight across", as though truncated, and Bzowski (source no. 7) says the footwear and the legs of the trousers were simply one.

When the creatures were sitting in the cart, with their legs hanging down, the legs were curved in such a semicircular fashion that they looked like prehensile limbs. Wolski can pronounce no opinion as to their sex. All four of the entities were absolutely identical. Wolski found the creatures rather "nice". They did not shout, and did not push him about. They behaved politely, and inspired confidence. Their gestures were supple, and their gait was light.

Their speech was quick and delicate. It sounded like *"ta-ta-ta-ta"*. . .; the sound was continuous, without marked breaks in it. Wolski said they spoke so rapidly that he wondered how on earth they could possibly understand each other!

Piechota (source no. 1) proposes another sort of onomatopoeic version of their speech: *"bzoo- bzoo-bzoo"*. . . while Wawrzonek (sources 5 and 10) speaks of a mixture of barks, croakings, and mewings, with, here and there, a short whinnying, or of sounds reminiscent of the warblings of a bird.

Little Adas, the six-year-old boy who saw the pilot of the craft, described him as follows: he had a green face and looked like a soldier in a grey or black uniform. He had a hood over his ears. This is the version of Piechota (source no. 1) whereas, according to Bzowski (source no. 7) the boy had glimpsed, through the glass of the cabin-window, a *brownish* face with slant eyes and simian features.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE CRAFT

Its general shape was that of a house, with the lower part 4 or 5 m. from the ground (quite a number of sources say 3 to 4 m). He saw it against a background of birch trees, and it was stationary a little below their summits. (Their heights were 7-11 m.)

The dimensions of the thing were approximately as follows:–

Length: about 5 m.
Width: about 3 m.
Height: about 2.5 m.

Wolski described it as *"like a short bus, but with a roof like a barn."* He saw no windows. The rear wall of it was possibly only about 1 m. from the trees.

In the beginning, Wolski described the thing as being of a "transparent white"; later it was realized that this description meant rather that it was shining and looked as though nickel-plated. At its four corners, and half-way up, it had on the outside *"barrels"* with black vertical rods running through them and carrying what looked like spirals rather reminiscent of *corkscrews.* (See sketch on page 3.)

These *black rods* were rotating very fast. Their diameter was of the order of around 30 cms. As for the "barrels", their approximate dimensions were: height; about 1 m.; diameter: possibly 80 cms. The length of the black rods may have been about 1.5 m.

Bzowski (source no. 7) points out that the "corkscrews" were emitting a display of colours, and Piechota (source no. 1) claims that the continuous hum seemed to be emitted by the "barrels". At a distance of 30 m. from the machine, Wolski could already hear it (Z. Blania-Bolnar, source no. 6). At closer quarters, this sound was reminiscent of honey-bees or bumblebees in flight. The rotating black rods produced no detectable movement of the surrounding air. Apart from the rods, all the other parts of the machine were of the same colour. Its surface was smooth and stainless. Neither rivets nor joints nor welds were to be seen, nor anything of that nature. It was as though the thing had been cast from a single piece, and all of it seemed to be of the same material. It displayed a sharp vertical oscillatory movement, which was continuous, ranging possibly from 40 to 50 cms.

The lift consisted of a platform suspended at a height of 50 cms. from the ground and held by four thin cables attached above the entrance to the craft. the diameter of these cables was about 4 mm. They were of a "transparent white colour, with a nickeled (or pearly?) effect."

The platform measured about 1 m 30 × 1 m 70.

Already, as he was coming towards the machine, Wolski had noticed the open door. It was square, with rounded corners, and about 1 m. 70 high. At the point of juncture with the wall of the craft, the wall and the door were simply one. The door rolled up inside the craft, towards the right-hand side.

As he stepped in, Wolski braced himself, with his right hand, against the thing. The thickness of the walls might have been 3 cms. or so. In any case, not more than 20 cms.

As for the little boy Adas (who, let us recall, was six years old at the time), this is how he described the object. It was like *"a little house"*, or *"a big box"*. It was flying with one of its smallest sides or "walls" to the front, and in this "wall" said the boy, there was a square window with rounded corners and, behind the glass, he could see the pilot. On the edges of this same "wall" he said there were black, moving rods, like the "feelers" of a snail. These rods were affixed closely on the machine. The boy noticed no entrance to the machine, nor any projecting eaves to the roof.

V. DESCRIPTION OF THE INSIDE OF THE OBJECT

The chamber was rectangular. There was no internal lighting other than the daylight from the open door. The walls, floor, and ceiling were a greyish-black — the same colour as the overalls of the occupants. The floor was shining, "as though polished". The walls were smooth and hard to the touch, and made of a material resembling glass.

Against the four walls there were seats, each fastened by two black cables. These seats could have been anywhere between 50 and 80 cms. from the floor. According to Piechota (source no. 1) there were ten or twelve of them. Wawrzonek (source no. 5 and 10) says there were "several".

Inside the craft, no apparatus was visible. In one of the walls there were two holes, about 30 cms. apart. These were the holes in which one of the entities manipulated a black rod. These holes could have been around 1.20 m.–1.5 m. from the floor. There is some doubt as to their precise positions. In the view of Wawrzonek (sources 5 and 10) they were near the entrance to the cabin, but Piechota (source no. 1) thinks they were on the wall facing the entrance, and Bzowski (source no. 7) situates them on the right-hand wall from the door.

Wolski does not know whether this chamber was the only one in the machine, or whether there were others behind the casements. The height of the ceiling from the floor was about 1 m. 80. According to Z. Blania-Bolnar (sources 6 and 8) it was flat, whereas, in the version of Bzowski (source no. 7) it was curved. Two black "tubes" ran from one gable wall to the other.

Z. Blania-Bolnar (sources 6 and 8) emphasises that there must have been something else above the ceiling, since the external height of the craft was in the neighbourhood of 3 m. Wolski himself wonders what there might have been "up in the loft"!

The crows, on the floor, were on the left of the entrance, about a couple of paces from it.

VI. THE RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN. INFORMATION GATHERED CONCERNING THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS

Witold Wawrzonek, who lives in Lublin, was the first Ufologist to speak to Jan Wolski, and that was already as early as May 26, 1978. Then Dr Zbigniew Blania-Bolnar, of Lodz, also went to Emilcin, and he and his fellow-workers made very thorough enquiries into the personality of the witness.

They carried out many tests and examinations, all of which showed that Wolski was suffering from no kind of derangement; that he was in excellent shape physically and mentally; and efficient and logical in his activities and his perceptions. Subsequently, further tests revealed in him a certain weakening of this "fresh memory", but an intelligence that was essentially oriented towards the concrete. Some disturbance was indicated in his faculty of abstraction and in his usage of current notions, but they also found a very strong resistance to suggestion, and a total absence of any tendency towards telling lies.

The medical tests showed that Wolski's sight and hearing were good, and all his reflexes were normal. *According to Dr Kietlinski, a psychologist in Dr Blania-Bolnar's investigation group, Wolski is telling the truth. Or, rather he believes profoundly in the truth of what he is saying.*

We come now to the question of the examination of the trees and grass around the site overflown by the object. These investigations did not take place until three weeks after the incident.

According to the Lublin Meteorological Station, the conditions prevailing in the Opole Lubelskie region between 7.00 and 9.00 a.m. on May 10, 1978, were as follows:–

Sky very cloudy, totally or almost totally covered with cloud-base at an altitude of between 400 and 600 m.

Slight rain towards 8.00 a.m.

Visibility: initially from 3 to 4 kms., limited by local mist, followed by progressive improvement up to 6-8 kms.

Wind blowing from North-East, 3-5 m/s.

Air Temperature: 6 ° to 7 °C.

According to the principal witness and the members of his family, it was cold, and it was misty, and the air was humid with a light wind. The sky was cloudy, but the Sun was visible from time to time. Bzowski (source no. 7) says it had rained during the night, but that when Wolski was on his cart it was fine, with a few cumulus clouds in the sky and little or no wind. Kurta (source no. 9) maintains on the contrary that it was cold and that it was still raining. And M. Sawicka (source no. 11) agrees with him on this latter point.

Then, in the period from 1983 to 1987, the engineer Miloslaw Wilk from Warsaw carried out some studies of an altogether different kind. These, in fact, were studies in *dowsing ("radiaesthesia"* as it is called in French. G.C.) and these indicated certain anomalies.

VII. THE REPORTS ON JAN WOLSKI

Jan Wolski was born on May 29, 1907. He received an elementary education, and this led on to the profession of agriculture. He lives in the village of Emilcin, which possesses 74 farms but no school, no club, not even a newsagent, and only one single shop!

Up to 1978, Wolski had never travelled any distance. Before World War II, however, he had been in the Ukraine.

His father having been a coachman, he also did this for a while.

In 1978, in his home, he possessed neither television nor even a radio!

Jan Wolski addressing the 5th Polish UFO Congress in 1985.

Jan Wolski showing his belt.

When he talks about himself, he always says he is afraid of nothing. He "keeps his cool", and if he showed no nervous reaction at any moment during his adventure, this was doubtless because he did not consider himself to be in any danger. From an investigation carried out in the neighbourhood, it is quite evident that Wolski seems to be solid, sincere and a very honest person, fully worthy of confidence. The inhabitants of Emilcin assure us that he has never been seen drunk, that he does not smoke, and that he has no bad habits. He was brought up in the Catholic faith and takes his religion very seriously. His piety must unquestionably be taken into account in order for us to appreciate the fact that he takes God as his witness as to the veracity of his statements.

Wolski believes that the entities whom he encountered were quite simply men, but men of another nationality, — for example Chinese!

As for the colour of their skin, he explains this by saying that they might very well have painted their faces, or been wearing masks! Likewise, in his opinion, the particular appearance of their fingers can be explained by the fact that they were wearing gloves. When he talks about them, the words he uses are:– *"persons", "individuals", "them",* and, more rarely, *"curious creatures".*

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THE KGB AND ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND ©

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The Close Encounter

THIS whole affair had a very prosaic beginning. During the night of June 15/16, 1984, A. Pyatkin, a member of our Group, was returning home from a tea-party. (In order to rule out any suspicions, let us emphasise that the cups had contained precisely *tea,* and nothing stronger than that!)

At 49 minutes, 36 seconds after midnight, shortly before reaching the village of Shchedrino, Pyatkin ob-

served a peculiar glow through the bushes. And simultaneously he glanced at his digital watch. Then he decided to take a closer look. And he beheld, standing on the ground, in a small clearing, an object which put him somewhat in mind of the "cupola-like shape" of a parachute. Later, he would describe it as a "hazy dish". The object shone with a bright, even, "milky" light. He estimated its height to be 6 metres or so, and its diameter about 20 metres.

Not believing his eyes, he threw a matchbox at the thing. The thing promptly vanished as though it had never existed. But before the glowing sphere vanished, the matchbox had flown into it, and Pyatkin experienced a powerful vibration throughout his body.

(We might mention that, when he passed over that same spot next day he also felt a very faint vibration. To be exact, we must add that today the witness is himself no longer sure of any of this. Were it not for the tape-recordings and the documentation on the case he would not believe that all this had happened to him.)

After the vibration, a strange picture now unfolded before the eyes of the witness, resembling a square with a circle around it. He found himself, so it seemed to him, in some unknown town. It was daytime there. There was something about the buildings that put him in mind of our modern day "box-like" apartment blocks. And there were people walking about on the streets.

"Other Dimensions"?

Pyatkin said he felt there was something unusual about the very sensation of his being there. *"There" — as he puts it — "the Space wasn't somehow quite the same Three-Dimensional Space that we are accustomed to! The Space there possessed far more dimensions!"* Our colleague is unable to express himself more clearly than this.

The "Conversation"

Then, in his head, he started to hear the voice of someone inviting him to ask questions. And once again, we have uncertainties, inasmuch as these thoughts coming to him did not resemble words and phrases. The questions and the replies were directly related to actual themes — the burning issues in the life of our civilization: war and peace; religion; and the problems of official contact by "Them" with the representatives of the officialdom of the Earth; the course of evolution of Mankind as a whole, etc., etc. (It is a noteworthy fact that during the period of "stagnation" in the USSR in the years prior to Gorbachev and *"Perestroika"*, our press always gave a wide berth to some of these questions!)

The entire account, together with the record of our investigations of this case, fills more than a hundred typewritten sheets. Consequently what we can give here are only fragments from the "conversation" and from Pyatkin's description of it.

As to *who* it was that was talking to Pyatkin is still not clear — likewise the number of those taking part in it. To begin with it was "We", but then it became "I".

Pyatkin saw the city, the square with diagonals and the circle, and the foliage of the nearest trees. His heart was pounding fast. At first he felt terrified, but this did not last long.

Without revealing any name or names, his interlocutor (or interlocutors) said that we had made a mistake when, rejecting Religion, we had crossed — too abruptly — the dividing line from Greece to Rome. That was to say that, to begin with, there had been a *philosophically-minded* civilization, and then, after that, *a total theocracy*. Pyatkin even started to try to argue about it, following the dictates of his conscience, but again they told him that the repudiation of Religion had been a grave mistake.

The eyewitness: A. Pyatkin.

To his question: *"Why do you not intervene and prevent a nuclear catastrophe here?"*, he received this reply:-

"We are trying to intervene. And we are intervening."

But in their view, mankind itself must disconnect the final button. Too much help from them would be a *"humiliation"* for man. Therefore, they said, they never make open contact with official organs here. And the help they give us cannot be too great, inasmuch as it is impossible to alter the course of development of a civilization.

Pyatkin was now growing weary, and he begged them to release him. They did so, telling him that he could talk about the whole affair (— but only once!) — and that later on he would understand why it was that they had disclosed themselves to him. The contact ended at 1.15 a.m.

The Aftermath of the Event

Needless to say, the first thing our witness and colleague did was to see a doctor, in order to satisfy himself that he was alright in the head. The verdict of the medico was reassuring: *he was sane*. Furthermore, his eyesight improved sharply for a while. But, on the other hand, his blood-tests showed that he had too many lead compounds. But Pyatkin is still alive and well today, and sane of mind, except for some peculiarities of his character such as we call "accentuations of personality".

Seen by Highway Police

But that was not the end of all the marvels! That same night, at the local Shchedrino post of the G.A.I. (Highway Patrol Police), about 200 metres distant from the site of the UFO landing, two of their Police officers were on duty. And they saw a red glow approaching the road which leads to Moscow. Just be-

fore it landed, its glow started to die down, and grow paler, just as hot metal does. Then finally, just as it went down into the deep bushes they saw the outline of a strange object, resembling a 'flying saucer'. Mystified, the two officers (who to this day have refused to reveal their names) rushed to the landing site. But they were unable to get near to it, *as the engine of their motor-cycle had stalled.*

When the two officers had put in their report, their superiors came and subjected them to the humiliation of an alcohol-test. But in vain. After that, they were finally obliged to write a fresh report, stating that they had observed an unusual case of ball-lightning! And that was that!

Tracked at 6,000 km.p.h.

But then other eyewitnesses also appeared! For example, a month later, S. Vasovets, a scientific worker in the Faculty of General and Experimental Physics, claimed to have tracked that same UFO by radar from Zagorsk to Yaroslavl' (about 200 kms.) *He said the UFO did it in less than three minutes, at a speed of 6,000 kms.p.h. On the radar screen its trajectory was a broken line. And the thing was changing altitude and direction of flight almost instantaneously!** It was heading for the Yaroslavl' Oil Refinery (— evidently in order to set rolling these events for record in the golden annals of Soviet Ufology!)

The "Faceless Men" Appear

And now we have to relate for you certain other matters that are very down-to-earth and mundane indeed, but which may help the Western Ufologist reader to grasp the conditions under which we have hitherto been working here in the USSR.

On June 18, 1984, a car arrived at the GAI (Highway Patrol Police) post, bringing a major of the PVO (Air Defence Command) and a number of plainclothes men. The plainclothes men went to the two GAI officers and asked them about the 'flying saucer' that they were understood to have seen. *After a short conversation, the plainclothes men had intimidated the GAI officers into silence.*

But rumours had begun to spread through Yaroslavl'. Some UFO research enthusiasts from the local TV studios managed to film the site of the UFO landing, and the material traces. *This film was subsequently exposed, and spoiled, by the KGB personnel.*

Visit by the KGB

And we too were the recipients of unsolicited visits. On July 3, 1984, a certain D.V. Teplov of the KGB (now retired) called upon Yuri A. Smirnov, one of the authors of the present article. Teplov was from the Yaroslavl' Provincial Office of the KGB. He started by displaying an interest in the telephone calls we had made to Moscow about the Shchedrino case. And he was also interested in the people who had come from there to visit the landing site. (So, clearly, our telephone conversations had been listened to!) Captain Teplov then proceeded to attempt to convince Yuri Smirnov that there had been *no* UFO landing at Shchedrino, and that Pyatkin had been suffering from intoxication due to a component in rocket-fuel!

(By the way, here we might also mention that in 1988 a leakage of similar rocket-fuel occurred, when a railway tank-car was derailed. But nobody got poisoned by it.)

The KGB's logic was every bit as incomprehensible as the logic of the Extraterrestrials is incomprehensible. If the KGB were bent on guarding some "secret", the CIA must surely have guessed long ago that rocket-fuel is not produced in a bootmaker's shop but in an oil refinery which it is quite impossible to conceal from spy-satellites! Maybe the KGB men were perhaps afraid of receiving a further UFO visit?

The logic of the present-day officialdom is equally impossible to comprehend. For example, we had the idea that we would like to publish a monthly UFO newspaper, but the Regional Committee of the Communist Party opposed it. And the head of the Regional Office for the Defence of State Secrets, V. Tikhonov, ordered us to leave out of our leaflet the word *"international"* and our names and our addresses. (It would be interesting to know what "State secret" he had found in all that! It doesn't seem to bother the Party officialdom and the Government officialdom in the slightest that their daft prohibitions disgrace this country in the eyes of the entire world.)

Our Trip to the Site

Had we arrived even a day later, they wouldn't have let us get anywhere near Shchedrino. But we weren't too late. Though it is true that Pyatkin was late by 90 minutes for his meeting with Smirnov. His digital watch was slow by that much.

Using his dowsing kit, a psychic, A. Semyonov, located the precise site of the UFO landing quite independently. Our tests showed unanimously that a microcalculator worked more rapidly — by one second — inside the 'zone' than outside of it, and Pyatkin's digital watch went slow. Semyonov and Pyatkin continued their tests there next day. Semyonov's watch was in the centre of the zone throughout, and was two second behind the real time. Pyatkin's watch was taken over the borders of the zone, in and out, several times, and was found to be 27 seconds slow. (Mechanical watches were not affected.)

We continue to keep a quiet watch on the landing site. Unfortunately we have not so far been able to make an analysis of the grass samples from the site.** Our Moscow colleagues promised to do it, but their share of the sample grass is still 'lying under the bed' somewhere or other. And we ourselves have no access to instruments of the type needed.

We found the matchbox that Pyatkin threw at the UFO. It was still intact, but the matches inside had all ignited.

The birch tree on which we found the burn-marks is still standing, but the bushes are dried and dead. We found no traces of radiation. The polarization of light which we had expected to find there also did not turn out to be present. Exactly one year later, we made another trip to the site to test for the possibility of another contact, but without success.

We discovered that a solution of the dispersing medium prepared from the soil of the landing site has the lowest coefficient of ultrasonic waves absorption. There was little difference found in the electrical resistance of the various soil samples. And we found no potassium.

The reduced coefficient of ultrasonic waves absorption in the dispersing water solution of the soil samples with the frequency of 120 kHz can be either due to the large number of microparticles (less than 0.0008 mm. in size) in the solution, absorbing the waves, or to the presence of some unknown component in the solution, or some residual field also absorbing the waves.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

There remain 4½ more pages of this article which, owing to our acute shortage of space, we are unable to use. They deal, however, entirely with the curious experiments of Musinskiy, Semyonov, and Pyatkin, with their *dowsing-rods.* In our report on the 1989 Voronezh landings and sightings (see FSR 34/4) we have already mentioned the great popularity of dowsing among the Soviet Ufologists. But until now we had had no idea that they had such extraordinary faith in the widespread applicability of dowsing! As I am sure most folk today realize, the finding of water and other substances by means of dowsing is an established and absolutely unquestioned *science* here in the West, and indeed throughout the world. But, surprisingly, these Russians go much further than that. Thus, for example, at Shchedrino, they stood on the landing-site with their dowsing-rods *and asked a series of questions* and, on the basis of the answers duly given by the rods, they seem to have concluded that without any shadow of doubt the following facts are established. (We wonder how many of our readers would be so confident that they had got the true answers?):-

1. The machine that landed at Shchedrino was a gravitational craft ("*gravitolyot*" in Russian).
2. Pyatkin had, of course, imbibed no poisonous rocket-fuel.
3. The UFO was simply here on a regular exploratory flight.
4. The craft was crammed with highly sophisticated instruments.
5. The UFOnauts are studying all aspects of our Planet, its structure, its flora and fauna, etc.
6. The UFO was not engaged in any military operation, such as the study of defence installations, oil refineries, communications, etc., etc.
7. The UFO originated from within our Galaxy.
8. The craft contained several entities.
9. The contact with Pyatkin was in no way "planned" by them.

*Note that the Russians say the Shchedrino UFO *"was changing altitude and direction of flight almost instantaneously".* (Compare this with the Belgian Air Force's report that one of their huge UFO "Triangles", during the night of March 30/March 31, 1990, was dancing around in identical fashion, switching from a speed of 40 kms./p./h. to 1,800 kms./p./h., and from an altitude of 3,000 metres down to an altitude of less than 200 metres — ALL IN THE SPACE OF ONE SECOND! (See FSR 35/4.)

**With regard to the mention of *samples of grass and leaves* from the landing site at Shchedrino, I find that I have a small quantity of dried leaves and grass, in an envelope, among the enormous pile of material sent to us from Russia during this past year, so maybe this is some of it, though I am not sure, as there seems to be no accompanying note to identify it. In the circumstances I do not know what I can do with it, or might be expected to do with it. *I certainly know nobody in this country who is likely to want to analyze or examine it, or — if they did — to give me an honest verdict on it.* — G.C.

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN RUSSIA

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I FORWARD herewith, for publication in FSR, three* photographs of a UFO which were snapped in the village of Solnechnoe in the Akhtyrka (50° 25 N.; 35°00 E.) region of Sumy Province, Northern Ukraine, at 1300 hrs. (Moscow time) on February 4, 1990 by a boy, Dmitriy Girenko.

It was a calm Sunday morning, with no wind whatsoever. Dmitriy loaded his camera, and stepped out of the house to take some photos of his new puppy. And at once caught sight of the UFO, in the completely cloudless sky. It was clearly visible, in sharp detail.

Dmitriy managed to take 14 photos of it. His film, in perfect condition, testifies to the authenticity of the event.

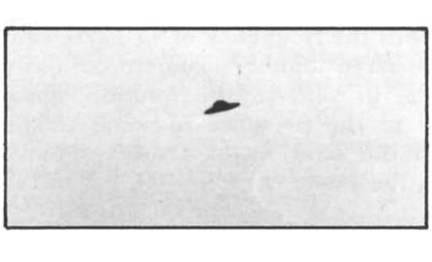
He handed the film to his father, who developed it. The father, a serious and respected citizen, enjoys a high reputation in all quarters, and teaches in a local school.

The photographs have appeared in local newspapers of that area, and a TV team from Kiev, Capital of the Ukraine, came out to film Dmitriy Girenko.

The lad said that the UFO was manoeuvering around in the sky over Solnechnoe "as though posing to be photographed".

Yuri Smirnov,
Yaroslavl'.
June 24, 1990.

*Unfortunately I have mislaid the second of the three. ED.



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THE GREAT CULTURES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD AND THE WORK OF ZECHARIA SITCHIN

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UFOLOGISTS everywhere are given to a great deal of speculation. This is not to be wondered at, because there is so little really hard information unless we are lucky enough (or unlucky enough) to have experienced a close encounter. Even then, what we know, or think we know, will depend on belief. No one is motivated by the truth, only by what they believe to be the truth. This belief is coloured and structured by the general climate of belief with which each one of us is surrounded in the culture we happen to live in. We in the West happen to live, at least in the developed world, in a scientific and technological age where a fact that can be shown to be true by a repeatable experiment is regarded as more 'true', and therefore more important than other sorts of truth. However, very few of us are in a position to repeat even one of the great experiments which have structured the modern world. We have to take the scientists' words and writings on trust even if their conclusions are wrong.

UFOS Not "New"

Most Ufologists appear to be working on the study of a subject which has no proper roots. There is a general feeling that 'it all started in 1947'. There are very few serious subjects which have no past like this. The history of science and technology and the history of mankind can be traced back and back and if we bother to study these things we can see which event led to what, step by step. We cannot even speculate properly about where we might be going if we don't know where we came from. The past always governs the future.

It is true that there are reported 'sightings' in the Middle Ages, a most unreliable period because it was a time when 'belief' was given more weight than 'fact'. Many 'visions' may have, in fact, been UFO visitations.

The Legacies of the Past

However, if we go back much further in time, before the world of Greece and Rome and look at what we have inherited from the Ancient Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Sumerians, we find a wealth of material. It is not only or even mainly the archaeological artifacts but the huge libraries of written material which have survived. Much more would have survived if the ignorant and the bigots had not burned the great library of Alexandria which must have contained the whole written knowledge of the ancient world. Scholars could read it now.

There is a catch in all this. Just as we can't repeat the great experiments of the scientists, so we can't check the translations of the scholars for we ourselves cannot read Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs, Babylonian Cuneiform, Ancient Hebrew, Sumerian Pictograms. Even if we could read these writings we would need to know the context. Translation is always doubtful because it depends on the knowledge of the translator as well as the writer. The ancient writer may not know the full meaning of what he is describing. Just you try translating this simple English statement into any other language. "The depth of the engagement of the teeth with the pallet depends on the height of the cock."

The ancients did not always have a word for things of advanced science or technology from a different culture. The same is true today. Walk behind a pair of students of engineering from the Indian Sub-continent and you will hear a lot of English loan words. The same was true of the army of scribes who made the great clay tablet library of King Ashurbanipal in Nineveh. They used a lot of Sumerian loan words which had no root meaning in their own language when they were dealing with subjects like mathematics and astronomy because the Sumerians knew more about these subjects than they did. Sumer was the first really advanced civilization that we know of, starting some time between 4,000 and 3,800 B.C. Some branches of knowledge were not a progress upwards but a regress downwards. **This is because the Sumerians did not obtain their knowledge by observation and experiment as our own culture has done, but got it as 'given knowledge' direct from people whom they called their 'gods'.** The same is true of certain cultures in remote parts of the world today. An advanced technology imposed from outside will, if left to itself with no further back-up, gradually decline because it has no roots.

The Modern Translators

Most of these many thousands of written texts were found by archaeologists in the 19th and early 20th centuries. It took armies of scholars whole lifetimes to translate and then attempt to make sense of what had been found. The work of understanding these priceless treasures still goes on but these scholars could not be expected to understand knowledge which they did not themselves possess. This situation is made worse by the fact that modern man still thinks that the progress of man has been ever upwards and that people in the past were always more ignorant than we are now. How could the scholars translate something as a real flying machine of very advanced type when they had not even seen an aeroplane? How could they be expected to translate correctly the names of the planets from the Sumerian when Neptune had only just been discovered and Pluto had not yet been seen and would not be seen until 1930?

History needs to be constantly updated in the light of what each age knows. What was needed was the intensive work of a dedicated scholar who would be prepared to look again at all these old texts and the translations of these texts to make a theory which would fit all the old stories. He would have to have a totally open mind and be outside the academic estab-

lishment. No research worker inside that establishment can stick his neck out too far or publish any way-out theories if he is not to be totally discredited in the eyes of his colleagues. No expert likes to be told that what he has always believed is wrong; it is much too uncomfortable. Even good scientists are only human after all. *However, the scholar who was required for this great new study was at hand. His name is Zecharia Sitchin.*

Zecharia Sitchin

Zecharia Sitchin was born in Russia, brought up in Palestine and now lives in the U.S.A. He tells us how his great study started. When he was a young schoolboy his class was studying the *Book of Genesis* in the original Hebrew. In our 1611 A.D. version Ch.6 v.4 reads *"There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown".* This verse bristles with problems but the point here is that the word for "giants" is in the text *Nefilim.* Sitchin's teacher explained that this word should be translated 'giants'. Sitchin objected; surely the root meaning of *Nefilim* was *"those who were cast down" (those who from Heaven to Earth came down).* Sitchin tells us he was reproved and told that he must accept the traditional translation. Sometimes little acorns grow into great oak trees. Most of us accept what we are told, especially when we are very young, but look at any of the great thinkers and research workers of history who have changed our view of the world and our place in it and you will find someone who simply would not accept the status quo but worked unstintingly to find out the truth or to make changes.

The Nefilim

Who *were* the *Nefilim?* If they really came down to Earth from the Heavens then where exactly did they come from? Sitchin spent many years learning the archaeology and history and languages of the ancient Near East, the Hebrews, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Ancient Egyptians, the Sumerians.

In the past, writing and reading were difficult and were limited to a few specially trained people, the scribes; we have to accept that they thought, at least, that they were writing down the truth. When an archaeologist finds an object he does not understand he often states that it is a cult object of ritual use, something to do with a religion. This tells us nothing. It is like a doctor finding a nice long name for a disease. It does nothing to cure the disease. Scholars always regarded many of the old stories as myths, products of a culture's imagination. Once you do that, all chance of looking for the truth behind the story is lost. Sitchin started out by accepting the stories as true or at least the end-product of something which had once really happened. What did the ancient writers actually say? What does that mean for us? The end-product of Sitchin's lifetime of dedicated work is as convincing as it is shattering to our beliefs. It would not be so shattering if we had taken the *Old Testament* more seriously and not regarded most of it as myth. But often the original writers themselves did not know what lay behind the stories, for they had obtained these from other much older cultures. This may make me sound like a religious fundamentalist. Nothing could be further from the truth! All these old writings are the word of stupid man, none of it is the word of any god or gods!

Sitchin's Three Books

Zecharia Sitchin has written five books which as a group he calls *"The Earth Chronicles".* The first book is *"The Twelfth Planet"* and it was published in 1976. It is a long book but quite an easy read, considering the great complexity of the subject and the total freshness of the conclusions he comes to. It has very many illustrations to support the text. Sitchin tells us how and when modern man first discovered the sites and civilizations of the ancient Near East. It is a wonderful introduction to these early cultures. I found this part fascinating because, for 10 years, in the 1950s, I restored Ancient Egyptian Antiquities for University College, London. I had had close contact with archaeologists and knew how they thought and worked. I also knew that there were basic problems, areas of ignorance, questions for which no one had a proper answer.

The Twelfth Planet

"The Twelfth Planet" has four basic stories to tell derived from the old texts. 1. The formation of the Solar System. 2. The arrival on Earth of a group of pioneers from their home planet which the Sumerians called *Nibiru.* 3. The creation of *Homo Sapiens* from the higher apes. 4. The sweeping away of the first bases of the *Nefilim* by a great flood which wiped out most of mankind in the area in about 11,000 B.C. Sitchin does very little in the way of 'jumping to conclusions'. The whole work is backed by a mass of texts from different cultures and very many illustrations. The truth of it is also confirmed by modern science in many instances, and some statements have been shown to be true by scientific research done since the book was published. We therefore need to pay attention to what Sitchin has to tell us.

Creation of Our Solar System

1. Astronomers have produced several theories about the formation of the Solar System. The ancient scribes wrote down a lovely story about it which is just as likely to be correct. The World was not created in 6 days. The whole point is that the story is always found inscribed on 6 tablets. The story gives the names of gods to the members of the Solar System, so the tale is anthropomorphic, but *our* names for the planets are also the names of gods so this should not bother us. When the Solar System was very young and the planets were still in a plastic state, *Pluto* was a satellite of *Saturn, Earth* had not yet been 'created', and there was another large planet called *Tiamat* with an orbit between *Jupiter* and *Mars. Tiamat* had a satellite which later became our *Moon.* The planets were revolving round the Sun anticlockwise when seen from the North, just as they do now. Into the system from deep space came a large body. It had a retrograde path, opposite to the other planets. The gravity of *Neptune* bent its path inwards towards the Sun. Its satellites collided with *Tiamat* smashing it in two. Half was shunted closer to the Sun and became Earth. Earth took Moon with it into the new orbit. The other half of *Tiamat* was smashed to pieces and became *'the hammered Heaven',* the asteroid belt. The invasive planet was now locked into a long narrow orbit round the Sun, and at perihelion it passed through the asteroid belt between *Mars* and *Jupiter* crossing the orbits

of the outer planets and probably disturbing the orbits of some asteroids at each pass. The Sumerians called it *"Nibiru"* because *Nibiru* means *"crossing"* in Sumerian. *Nibiru* also shifted *Pluto* away from *Saturn* into the somewhat eccentric orbit it now has.

This story explains many things which have puzzled astronomers. Could any of it be true, and if true, how did the Sumerians know about it? They tell us that they knew because their 'gods' told them. Science also tends to confirm it on several points. I will give you one example, Sitchin could not tell us in 1976 because no one knew then. On p.243 of *"The Twelfth Planet"* he writes the following:– "Next to Shupa was IRU ("loop"). At *Neptune,* the spacecraft of the *Nefilim* probably commenced its wide curve or "loop" towards its final target. Another list named the planet *H*UM.BA, which connotes "swampland vegetation". When we probe *Neptune* some day, will we discover that its persistent association with waters is due to the watery swamps the *Nefilim* saw upon it?"

This paragraph stuck out like a sore thumb when I first read it in 1976. *Neptune* is much too far from the Sun for there to be any liquid water there and as for vegetation it would be much too cold even 445,000 years ago when the *Nefilim* were supposed to have passed it for the first time. The Sun might have been much hotter in the *distant* past. In 1989 an American probe made a good close pass to *Neptune* and sent back more information than modern man has ever had before! There is a lot of water there, but it is deep frozen ice. There is also a lot of methane! Methane is the product of rotting vegetation in swamps! We had better listen to the ancient scribes more carefully.

If *Nibiru,* which was supposed to be large and bright, still exists, why don't we see it? We don't see it because its orbit is very long and narrow like that of a comet, and it only spends a short time near the Sun every 3,600 years. If Sitchin's chronology is accepted it was last here in 200 B.C., so though it is on its way back it will still be a very long way away. We might be able to observe it with our most powerful telescopes. The new infra-red telescopes should be able to find it if only astronomers knew in which direction to look. The looking would have to be over an extended period, because movement would need to be seen against the background of 'fixed' stars and since *Nibiru,* if it exists, will be heading almost directly towards us, it will be very difficult to spot. NASA recently announced that they are sure there IS another planet, and that it is 5 times the weight of Earth. When it is found, if it has an orbit like the one stated by the texts, let us hope astronomers will stop calling it *"planet X"* and give it its right Sumerian name, *NIBIRU, the planet of crossing.* Comments on the chronology and the chances of there being any life on *Nibiru* will follow in a later article.

The Arrival of Beings from Nibiru

2. 445,000 years ago a group of *Nibiruans* was sent to form a base on Planet Earth. They looked rather like us because, so the stories say, we were made to look rather like them. Later they might be regarded as gods, but there was nothing spiritual about them, they were physical just like any other animal. They were sent to get gold for technical purposes back on *Nibiru.* Gold is not a very common element, and there is rather a lot of it in certain parts of Planet Earth. There were two lots of *Nibiruans,* the *Nefilim ("those who came down")* and the *Igigi* who manned a large station in Earth orbit and did not 'come down'. The Earth station or base was established at what is now the head of the Persian Gulf. Here there was a good supply of hydrocarbons near the surface, for fuel, and a good sea lane to the gold mines which would be established in southern Africa. Sitchin makes it clear that the *Nefilim* laid out the landing place with great precision and with approach-beacons. He even shows a circular clay tablet, which must be a copy of something much older, which has defeated scholars who tried to understand its meaning. If the words on the diagrammatic representation are translated back into Sumerian, what comes out is an instruction for landing on Planet Earth. There is much that early man wrote about, especially as regards astronomy, which they could not have known if the *Nefilim* had not told them about it. For instance, they called Earth *"No.7",* Mars *"No.6"* and so on. This can only be true if all the planets we know about are counted from the outside as the Solar System is approached. *Nibiru* was the 'great number', it was *"No.12".* They counted the *Moon* because Moon, they said, was never part of Earth. Recent visits to the Moon and samples brought back from there have shown this to be true. Sitchin tells us that the Sumerian texts indicate that *Nibiru* comes into the Solar System from the south. The hunt for *"Planet X"* has started, and the astronomers are looking for it from *New Zealand,* based on NASA calculations.

The Creation of Human Workers

3. There were not very many *Nefilim* on Earth to start with, only about 600. This was far too few to do all the work which was required, especially the hard, difficult and dangerous work in the mines, however advanced the equipment might be. There was plenty of time. The life of the *Nibiruans* was very long. Compared with it the life of any man is a mere flash in the pan. "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday" etc. Your dog and your cat probably think you are immortal, if they think about it at all.

300,000 years ago, so the stories tell us, the *Annunaki ("the junior Gods"),* working in the mines, went on strike. The work was too dangerous and too hard. *"Make for us",* they said, *"a primitive worker, obedient enough to take orders, clever enough to do the work,"* So they took the advanced apes from the jungle, and changed them by genetic manipulation, adding some of their own genetic material and possibly some material from other sources as well. It was very difficult to do, but the *Nibiruans* managed it in the end. What they produced was not ape, and not themselves, and it was very short-lived. One word for the new animal was *'lulu'* which means *"mixed".* So when someone tells you that you are 'mixed up' that is exactly right, we all are, who now in our gross pride and self-satisfaction call ourselves *"Homo Sapiens".* There is not very much *"sapiens"* about man, but then there did not need to be. To make the new animal too clever might be dangerous, but to start with there was little risk because the creature was a mixture like a mule, and could not reproduce itself. However, hundreds of the new slaves were required and they could only be produced by implantation: this much the ancient texts make quite clear. Then *Enki* (the *Nibiruan* in charge of the mines) did something extremely dangerous, which all the other *Nibiruans* must have condemned. *He gave the creature another genetic twist so that it could manufacture itself, it could reproduce.* This is where our Biblical story of *Adam* and *Eve* comes from, in a very late and changed form. The *'knowing'* they acquired was the Biblical *'knowing', sexual intercourse*

to produce children. What about the *Serpent*? Over and over again, on the old illustrations, the sign for *Enki* is a snake. This is only too natural, because the jungles of southern Africa is where the snakes are. 300,000 years ago seems very recent, much too recent for the evolution of modern man. Recent genetic studies of *Homo Sapiens,* done long after *"The Twelfth Planet"* was published, suggest that (a) man starts in southern Africa; (b) all man springs from the eggs of one female; (c) man is not older than 250,000 years. Once again modern science appears to confirm rather than contradict the old stories.

As soon as man could reproduce, he started to do that, fast; he is still at it. Short life and disease and famine and war did little to hold back the numbers, they still don't. No doubt some of the slaves escaped back into the bush, but all the old stories tell of how the younger *Nefilim* got offspring with the female humans in their charge. There may not have been enough female *Nefilim* on Earth. It must have been an alarming muddle.

The Great Flood

4. All the old stories from the ancient Near East speak of a great flood. It swept away the bases of the *Nefilim,* built up with so much toil over thousands of years. It is the great event which marks the end of the old epoch, and the start of the new. *Sitchin gives as a cause the slippage of all or part of the South Polar Ice Cap into the sea. This is not his theory but is based on a great body of scientific work. Certainly the last Ice Age came to a rather abrupt end in the Southern Hemisphere about 13,000 years ago. Recent drillings through the South Polar Ice Cap have found no ice older than about 10,000 B.C.* Something felled the oaks in East Anglia all in one direction and something swept up the herds of mammoth into islands of bones north of Siberia all at about the same time. Sitchin thinks that when the ice cap became unstable, because of weight and pressure and the heat of the planet trapped beneath it, a close approach of *Nibiru* was enough to set it moving. The influence of *Nibiru* on the other planets will depend on where each is in its orbit at the time.

A Normal, Periodic Event

If such a thing really happened is there any evidence that it is a normal event on Planet Earth! How many of you were taught that coal was formed from the rotted vegetation deposited under primaeval jungles over periods of millions of years? This simply cannot be the whole truth. A modern tropical jungle does not grow on a huge base of compost. All the energy of the system is in the air. The floor of the jungle is only a few feet thick. That is why, when a tropical jungle is felled, the little fertile soil is soon washed away by the rain. The thickest coal seams are over 50 ft. thick! There are fossil tree trunks upside down in them. There are inclusions of sand and mud with shoals of fossil fish swimming upright. To make a seam over 50 ft. thick requires a deposit of vegetable rubbish over 6,000 ft. thick. No jungle ever grew on the top of such a deposit. NO! These huge masses of compost were made by sweeping up whole jungles all at once and depositing the material in oceans. *Very bad things happened to Planet Earth in the past. They will happen again some day. We do not live in a safe place. The great flood was just the last big event, that is all. Mass extinctions have taken place, huge asteroids have impacted on us, and lava flows have blotted out whole continents. These are quiet times, but it will not always be so.*

Noah

Once again, the oldest stories of the flood are much more informative and far more easy to understand as real events than the late *Noah* story we have in the Bible. The Sumerians called him *Ziusudra,* in Akkadian he is *Utnapishtim,* in Hebrew he is *Noah* but it is all the same chosen man. The great strength of the early story is that the gods did not create the flood. They could forecast it but they could not prevent it. They did not plot to wipe Man out, they were just not going to tell him what was going to happen. They could not save him anyway. It was important that he should not know, the knowledge would have done him no good.

Ziusudra's boat was not an open boat, it was covered over and sealed so that it would not be swamped. He did not take only his own family, he took all the craftsmen who had built the boat and no doubt their wives and families as well. The story has him standing on the dockside waiting to feel the vibrations and see the fires as the *Nefilim* took off in their rocket ships before he went aboard and battened down the hatches. Someone had provided him with a navigator so that the eventual landing on *Mount Ararat* was not chance.

After the flood mankind started to become herdsmen and farmers. The *Nefilim* took a hand in this, for the stories tell us that useful plants and animals were 'manufactured' in the heavens and then 'lowered to earth'. Science tends to confirm this. For instance, Sitchin tells us, *spelt* (an early form of hard-grained wheat) is a mixture of botanic genes which could not have occurred by evolution, could not have occurred by mutation, and could not have been produced by selective breeding. It could have been produced only by genetic manipulation in a laboratory. Man was being upgraded.

One orbit of *Nibiru* later saw the next advance, with the start of the Neolithic and the invention of pottery. One orbit later still saw the beginning of the great Sumerian civilization to which we owe so much. It really is fantastic how very far advanced these people were, not only in knowledge but in humanitarian concepts some of which have not been bettered, even today.

Sitchin's Other Books

I hope this very brief outline of the first book will encourage you to OBTAIN and read Zecharia Sitchin's *"Earth Chronicles" ("The Stairway to Heaven"* and *"The Wars of Gods and Men"* are the next two books.)

These three books are now in paperback and are published by Avon in the U.S.A. Few bookshops in the U.K. stock them, but I suggest you order them from "Specialist Knowledge Services", St. Aldhelm, 20 Paul St., Frome, Somerset, BA11 1DX. There is a lot of food for thought in these books, and they are not expensive.

In a future article I will say something about the next two books, and I will try to say something about what the whole work might mean for us now. We don't have to wait for the "visitors" to tell us a lot of lies. Lies are believed only by the ignorant. We can study our own past, as far as we can understand it, from our own written history and then draw our own conclusions from that! It is a much more reliable way for moving our thinking forward!

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

Just after he had sent me this article, Mr Burgess informed me that Sitchin's fourth and fifth books are now out, also published by Avon. The fourth is "THE LOST REALMS", and it deals with the rise of the pre-Columbian civilizations of the Americas. The fifth is "GENESIS REVISITED", and it sounds as though it is very important!

MULTIPLE "GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS": A PHENOMENON DISCOVERED IN AUSTRALIA

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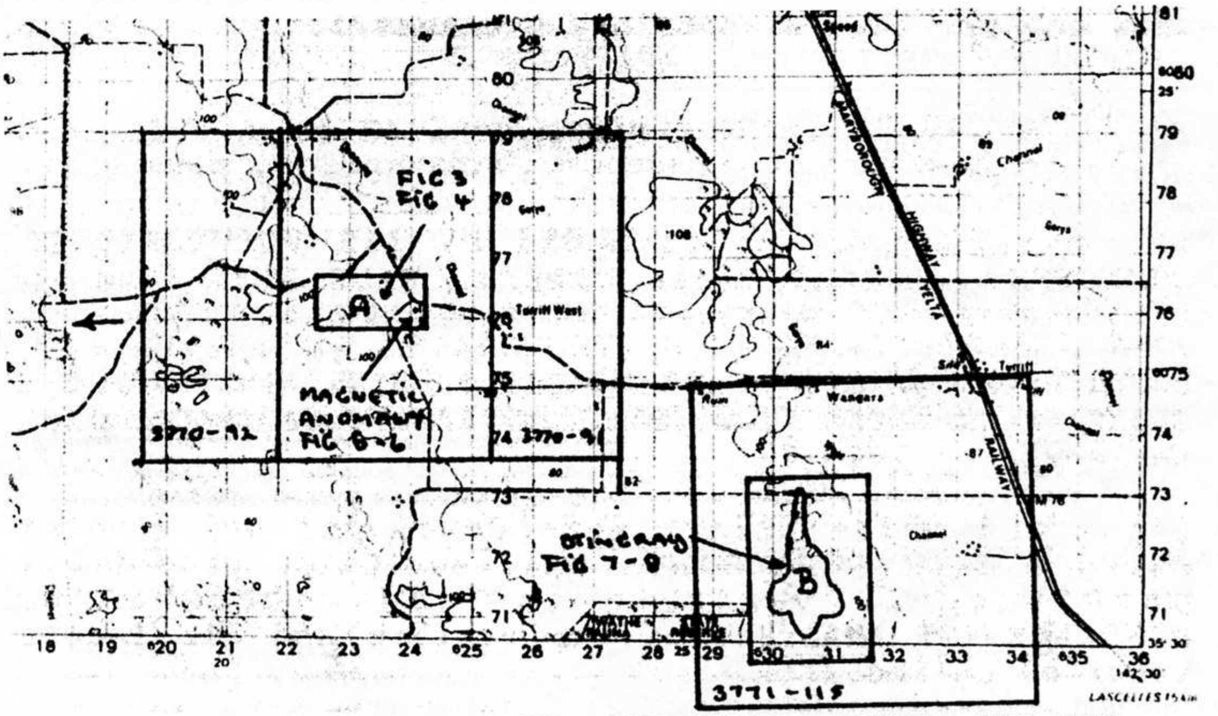


: FIG 1. TURRIFF - MALLEE AREA WHERE GROUND AND AIR RINGS WERE FOUND AND PHOTOGRAPHED.
* 1 GRID SQ = 1 SQ Km

The Discovery

An amazing RING PHENOMENON has been discovered by VUFORS in the Mallee District of Victoria that has Australian scientists and UFO researchers at a loss. (See Map, Fig. 1.)

Over a 60 square kilometre land surface area, more than 400 GROUND & AIR RINGS have been professionally photographed by an independent Government organization and analysed by our researchers.

The majority of the rings were on the land surface. However, some are in a three-dimensional pattern in the air, above specific locations in the area concerned.

Not only was there an amazing quantity of these rings, but they are of tremendous size and structural volume.

The majority of the rings are dark, translucent, ground-circles. The others were recorded as three-dimensional (solid?) objects. Although this is NOT confirmed yet, some of the rings are reported to have displayed "SURFACE STRUCTURAL FEATURES".

Two rectangular ground marks were also found. Numerous "WHEAT RINGS" and "MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH ANOMALIES" have also been recorded in this very same area. (See Fig. 5 and Fig. 6.)

Unique finding

Investigations conducted by VUFORS have established that this is the "FIRST-RECORDED" sighting of mass GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS in this country (and/or possibly overseas?).

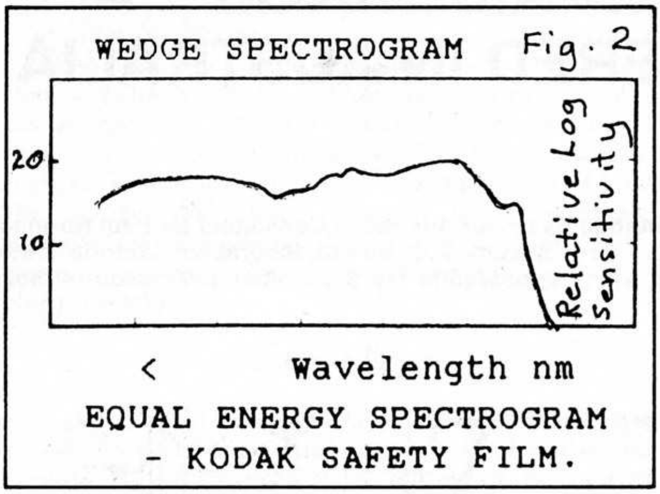
Data

The phenomenon was recorded by Air Photographic Equipment (Aerial frame camera, WILD RC), from an altitude of 2,300 metres (7,500 feet) AMSL.

Using KODAK SAFETY FILM (200 ASA 24 DIN), (Nr 243509), light wavelengths from 360 nm to 660 nm were recorded on the emulsion (Fig. 2).

Black and white prints were developed and studied using a zoom stereoscope. This equipment provided a continuously variable in-focus TOPOGRAPHIC DISPLACEMENT ANALYSIS of the surface and air images recorded on the film.

Magnifications of from 2.5 to 20 power were used. This was increased to 40 power with another eyepiece.



When the above-mentioned equipment failed to clarify the phenomenon, a COMPUTER IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME was then employed to assist in the analysis and improve the photograph resolution.

Ring findings

To give the reader an idea of the scope of the rings, the following data is representative of JUST ONE (1) square kilometre field within the total 60 sq. km. area.

Quantity

Over this one sq. km. land-surface area, 82 GROUND AND AIR RINGS were photographed, counted, and analyzed.

Size

In this one field, approximate "ring-diameter" estimations by means of triangulation geometry were made, and all 82 rings were found to be of the undermentioned range of sizes. (SOME PARALLAX ERROR.)

WIDTH IN METRES	FEET	NUMBER OF RINGS
3	11	2
5	16	3
7	22	6
8	28	11
10	34	15
12	39	11
13	45	14
15	50	1
17	56	5
19	62	3
20	67	1
24	78	3
30	95	1
35	112	3
45	146	1
55	180	1
170	560	1

THE GROUND-AND-AIR-RINGS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED AT TIME INTERVALS OF 10 SECONDS. THESE ANGLES PRODUCE THE STEREO IMAGE. (ALSO SEE MAP — AREA A, IN FIG. 1.) Because our printer CANNOT reproduce high-quality photo prints, the outside circumferences of the rings have been pencilled in, to give the reader a general idea of the quantity and the distribution of the rings.

Ring types

The rings do not reflect, but absorb light. Some of them are three-dimensional (vertical cylindrical shape?). They have been found both on the surface of the ground and at altitude. Some are TRANSLUCENT or OPAQUE, and others show surface structure.

Structural

The majority of the rings were positioned in nearly parallel lines. Some produced a *zigzag pattern* that extended in an approximately North-South direction.

Oddly enough, the location of each ring was "arranged in an orderly fashion". Not "at random".

Three-dimensional

At specific locations VERTICAL STACKING OF THE RINGS reached heights estimated at 120 metres (400 feet) above the surface of the Earth.

Although it is very hard to verify, it is estimated that the structure is vertically displaced over some ten distinguishable levels.

When viewed in a stereoscope, this "layering" gives the appearance of a three-dimensional structure.

Permanence and duration

The vertical structures held their ground grid location and vertical positions over a two-day span, after which the vertical component vanished, leaving the ground-markings only.

Summary of important facts about the air-rings

1. *Not* always seen by the naked eye.
2. Have *very large* volumes.
3. They are *very large in size.*
4. They cover a *very wide area.*
5. They are *structural.*
6. They *leave ground-marks.*

Summary of important facts about the ground-rings

1. Within the rings the soil has become very *hard.*
2. Surface layers are in *crust-formations.*
3. They are *magnetically affected.*
4. If struck the surface will *ring like a bell.*
5. *Very dry* — no water.
6. Top-soil riddled with *small holes.*

"Stingray" structure

In another field to the South-East, a structure, when viewed from the top, looks something like a *"Cross"* or a *"Stingray"* lying in a North-South direction. (See Figures 7 and 8.) Again this structure has *vertical elevated rings,* and when viewed by a *'Three-Dimensional Computer Displacement Graphic Program',* its side-view resembles a *"question-mark":* (?) rotated so that the "hook" of the "question-mark" is flat on the

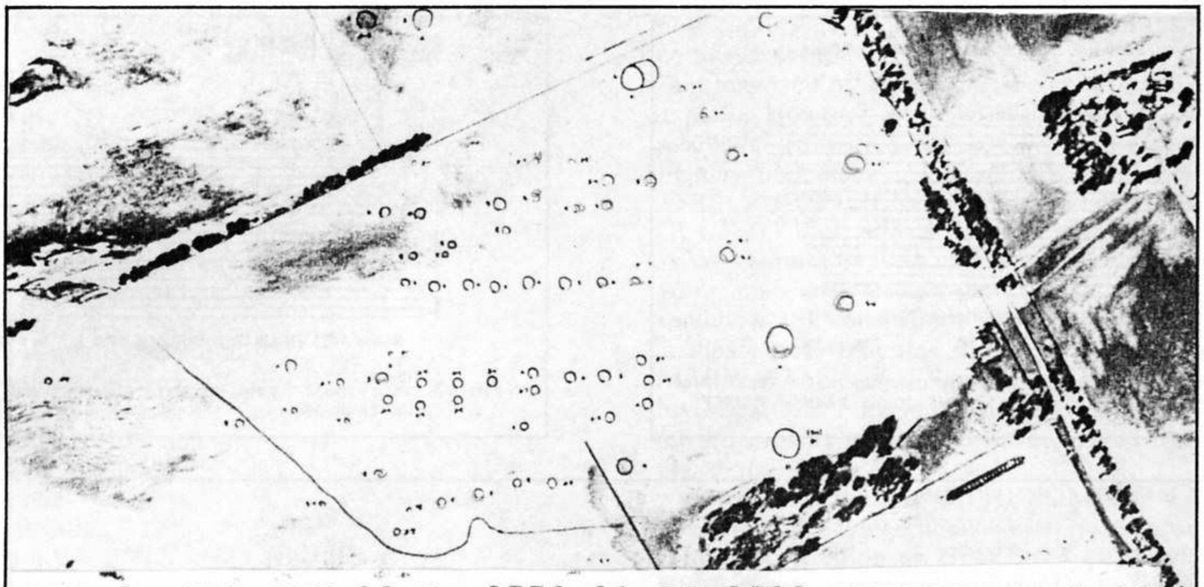


FIG 3. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-91 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-1)

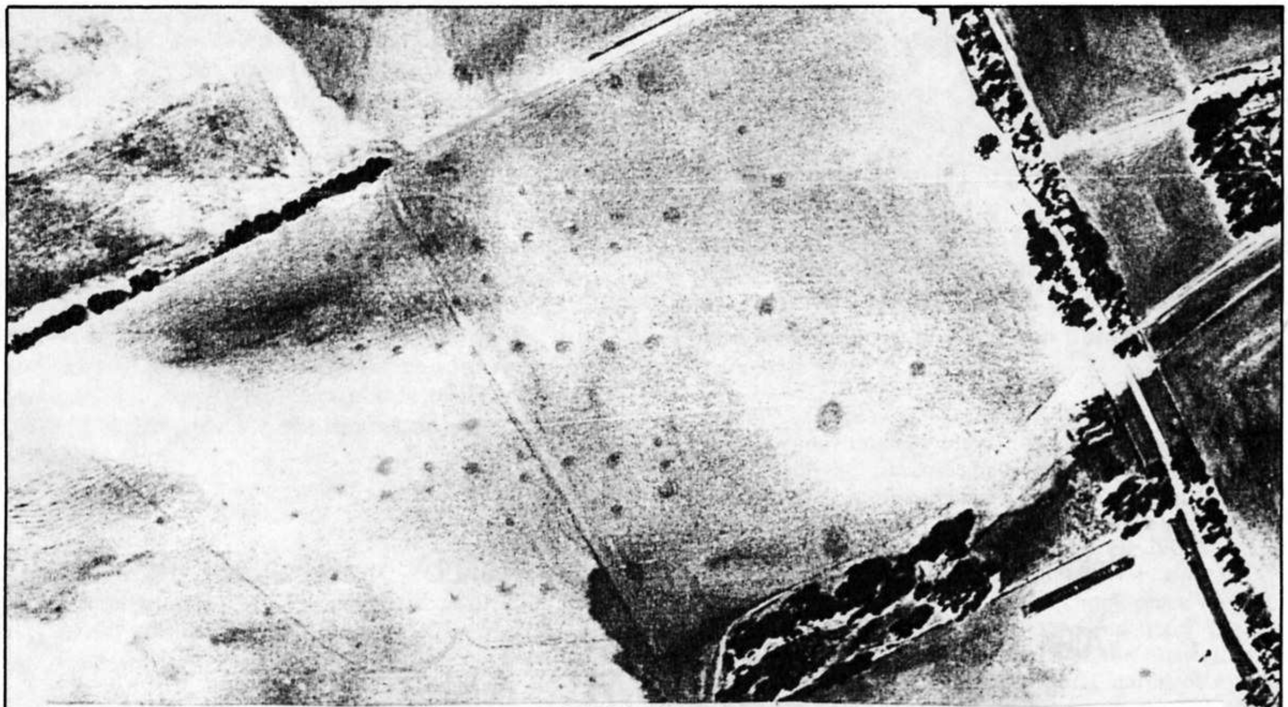


FIG 4. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-92 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-2)

ground.

In this one structure alone, there are some 250 rings!

Investigation findings: meteorological consideration

There was some concern that what we were viewing and photographing might perhaps be in fact a general meteorological condition. However, *the weather for the area over the period of the photography was calm and extremely stable.*

Further investigations and data from the Victorian Department of Meteorology have ruled out any known general meteorological condition.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. MAX. TEMP. 20 Degrees C.
2. Light to moderate S.E. Winds — 1-4 Knots.
3. High Pressure, 1028 mb.
4. Dry.
5. Morning Fog.

Ruled out causes

The following list of possible causes have been investigated and are currently RULED OUT!

A. Photographic or film causes ruled out

1. Emulsion chemical failure.
2. Emulsion scratches/Cuts.
3. Clamp problems.
4. Static discharge marks.
5. Film suction problems.
6. Focus.
7. Condensation.
8. Film Grain.
9. Wash Marks.
10. Chemical damage..
11. Light leakage.
12. Vibration distortion.
13. Film developing.
14. Parallax problems.

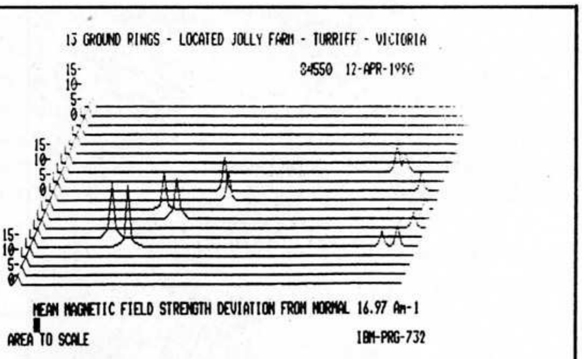


FIG 5. MAGNETIC FIELD ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP - WITHIN THE GROUND RINGS AT THE JOLLY FARM - TURRIFF.

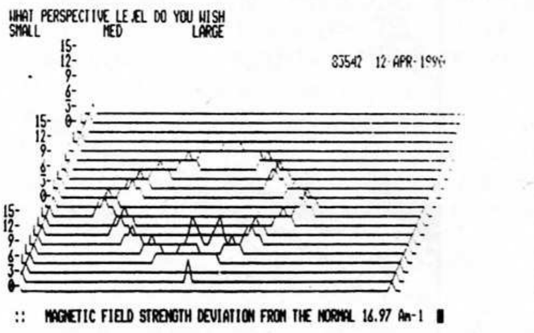


FIG 6. "INDIVIDUAL" RING ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP FROM THE SAME AREA.

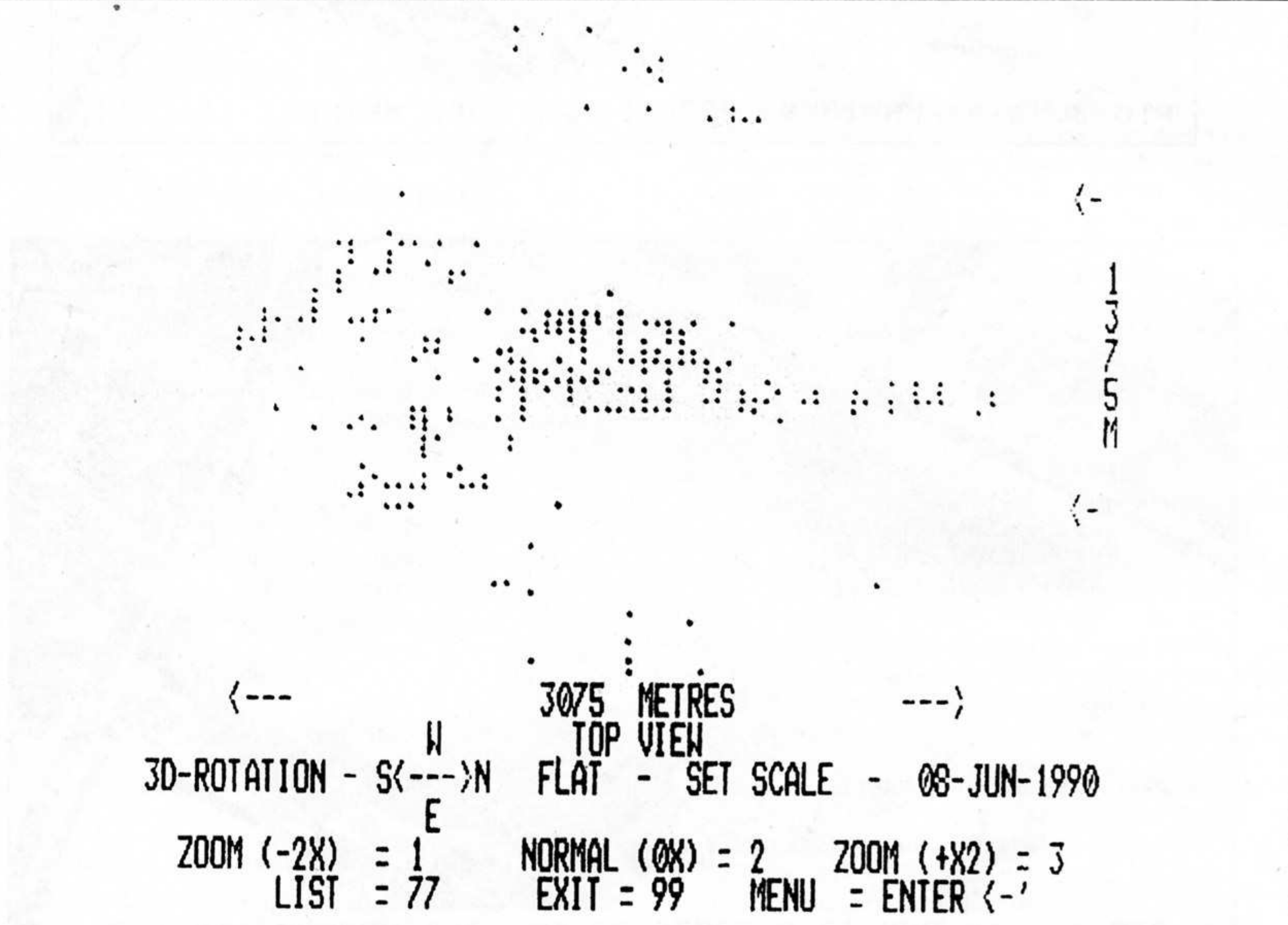


FIG 7. "TOP VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [AIR RUN 14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]

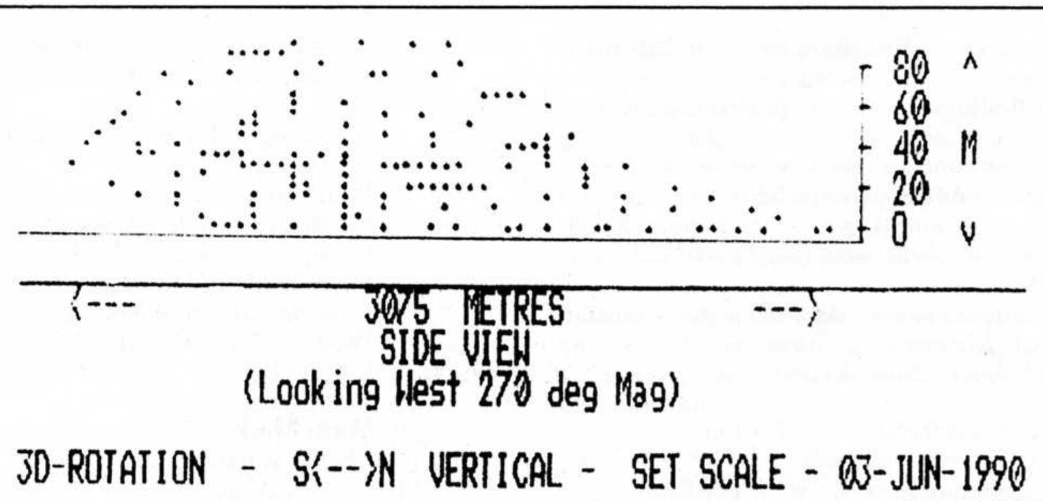


FIG 8. "SIDE VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]

B. Other causes also ruled out

15. Newton Rings.
16. Birds.
17. Plasma light.
18. Lightning.
19. Dust.
20. Shadow.
21. Geological formation.
22. Fungi and grass.
23. Wind and turbulence.
24. Man-made structures.
25. Sunlight refraction.
26. Ground animals.
27. Vortex turbulence.
28. Cloud and fog.
29. Smoke.
30. Reflection.
31. Plant life.
32. Water.
33. Soil and rock fall.
34. Balloons and aircraft.

An unusual event*

Investigations revealed that, at approximately 9.00 p.m. on a day in May 1989, a local farmer, who owns one of the properties within the affected area, reported a "YELLOW UFO LIGHT" buzzing his sheep in a paddock to the west of his home.

On further investigation, he found the sheep PANICKED, DISTRESSED, and BERSERK. They were in mobs, bleating and running uncontrolled, stumbling about, and wild, all over the paddock.

However, to his amazement he found a WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE with a 2-metre wingspan, dazed, disoriented, and in a seemingly "drunk" condition, stumbling around the same paddock, unable to fly. *Had the eagle HIT something in the air that night — something that it had not seen?*

Research

Starting in October this year (1990) VUFORS will be setting up and conducting research and testing in the Mallee District of Victoria on Ground-And-Air-Rings if they again appear.

Conclusion

It is as though we have been able to look into a structure, unexplained and remote from us, however, within our world.

Unfortunately the camera and our equipment have only captured a very small proportion of this phenomenon's structure.

It may well be something so common and simple to explain. However, even with the data we now have available from the area, *we have only deepened the mystery and not eased it at all.* AS IN ENGLAND, THIS PHENOMENON IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ISOLATE AND SOLVE.

We cannnot explain it, and have no idea where it is going, or what it is, only that it exists, and it's moving somehow and somewhere.

Please note that this Report is an advance SUMMARY of some of the important findings from our investigations. Further detailed research will be conducted on this subject. However, if you can help us, please do!

Since 1958 the RING PHENOMENON has intrigued the UFO researchers of Victoria. Can we find the simple explanation or UFO link? — Only time will tell! Be assured that our study and research continue!

Mrs Nancee Jolly and her son Stuart.

FOOTNOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

*Our new readers might like to note that a slightly fuller account of this bizarre affair of the sheep and the wedge-tailed eagle has already been published by us in FSR 35/1 (March Quarter, 1990), on page 7 of which they will find Mr Paul Norman's original Report: "AND NOW... CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN AUSTRALIA!"

The farm on which these events took place was, as we reported therein, the 9,000-hectare West Park Farm in the Mallee region of the western part of the Australian State of Victoria. (*"Mallee"* is the aboriginal name of a particular species of scrub-land tree growing plentifully over the region before it was cleared and found suitable for farming — especially for *wheat crops.*) The owners of the farm are Mr Max Jolly and his wife Nancee, and the wild scene with the 700 panicking sheep in the paddock and the dazed and "drunken" eagle was discovered and observed by their son Stuart Jolly, aged 29 at the time (May 1989) — G.C.

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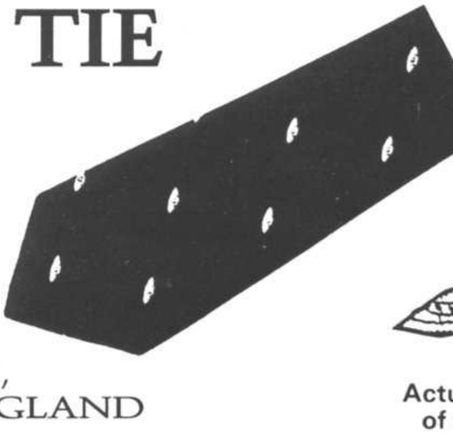

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STRANGE PHENOMENA WITH THE HUGE FIND OF "CORNFIELD RINGS" IN AUSTRALIA. HAVE THE RUSSIANS SPOTTED SOMETHING SIMILAR?

Gordon Creighton

FOR some time past I have been noticing queer references in the Soviet UFO reports that seem to point to a "multi-dimensional factor" or something equally odd and "unacceptable" to the conventional mind. It is just possible that this is due to some error in my translations. Nevertheless, for what it may be worth, I place the matter "on record" here.

The last item of the sort will be found in the middle of the right-hand column of text on page 16 of my article "XI: LATEST SOVIET REPORTS: DRAMATIC INCREASE OF SIGHTINGS", in FSR 35/3.

The Russian report dealt with the *Dalnegorsk Case* of January 29, when a red spherical object struck a hillside at that place (somewhere in Siberia, probably near Vladivostok but precise position not yet clear). Soviet investigators gathered up and analyzed fragments from the site. And, when they took a photograph of the site, *"it came out superimposed"*. In a footnote at the time I went on to say that I did not understand what was meant by these words, and I admit that my lack of understanding may have caused me to translate wrongly. However, I am putting the matter on record here now, just in case anything else of interest turns up from Russia or from elsewhere that seems to tie in in any way with the odd reports from Australia.

PAUL NORMAN (AUSTRALIA) ASKS: ARE THE ENGLISH "CROP-CIRCLE" CASES *"DIFFERENT"?*

OUR Consultant-Colleague "Down-Under", Paul Norman, who is the Vice-President of VUFORS (The Victorian UFO Research Society), has an interesting Editorial in the VUFORS Journal, *The Australian UFO Bulletin* (issue for the current Quarter, March 1991).

Discussing "circles" of all types, and "crop circles" in particular, he says that, although many folk may think "circles" are "something new in UFO research", the fact is that they are *not,* and that in Australia they date from at least as far as back as 1966, and the entire phenomenon has probably been around generally for much longer than that.

But . . . British reports "different"?

Mr Norman concludes with the following very interesting passage, and it is this that we wish now to discuss:-

> **"It has not been very often that we have read of *lights* having been observed in association with the U.K. circles. I believe this is where they differ somewhat from those observed in this country (Australia), where the majority of witnesses report having seen a light, and having then discovered the circle."**

Not so: same features here

Well now, I would like to assure Paul Norman that there is plenty of evidence to indicate that the situation here in England is no different from the situation he describes in Australia. (Where there *is* a difference may well reside in the fact that Australia possibly possesses less of the type of exquisitely gifted liars with which we, over here, are so richly endowed.)

Queensland, 1966

Right from the start, for example, we at FSR paid very great attention indeed to the reports of the so-called *"UFO nests"* in January 1966 at Tully, in the reed-beds of Australia's sugar-growing State of Queensland. [See the article by JUDITH MAGEE (today PRESIDENT OF VUFORS!), entitled "QUEENSLAND AGAIN", in FSR Volume 12 *(TWELVE!)*, No. 2, published in 1966. 1966 is in fact the very first Australian "circle date" mentioned by Paul Norman, and FSR carried the story right at the time!]

Then again, three years later, we published, in FSR 15/3 (1969) the fine article "NORTH QUEENSLAND UFO SAGA", by Stan Seers and William Lasich, also Australians.

In particular we gave maximum publicity to the fact that UFOs had actually been seen, flying low over the reed-beds at Tully; that the Australian researchers had therefore set up an automatic camera to "catch" a UFO; that it had done so; and that the entire film had then been despatched by post to Kodaks' head branch in Australia, and that Kodaks subsequently denied ever having received any film! What had reached them, via the Australian mail, was, they said, an empty spool!

We stated flatly in FSR that we considered that in all probability the Australian Security Authorities had intercepted and stolen the film en route. We still adhere to that view. (Unless of course the film had been filched by some non-human agency or by a human or humans employed by a non-human agency. And we don't consider such a possibility as at all improbable either!)

"Lights" and "glows" and "ferris wheels" in Britain

With regard to the reports of crop-circles of our

own here in England, we carried our first report on these in FSR 27/5 (March 1982), entitled *"Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings"*, and in the following year (FSR 29/1, October 1983), we continued the story with *"Mystery Rings Again At Cheesefoot Head"*.

We rapidly became aware of the importance of the mention of *"lights"* or *"glows"* or *"craft"*, or *"Ferris Wheels"* seen over the fields prior to discoveries of circles, or near to them in time. The first positive report of this type was that of Mr Jack Collins and his wife who on July 6, 1985, saw a sort of "Ferris Wheel" flying through the sky at Stockbridge Down, in Hampshire, where a crop-circle was found next day. (See his account, with sketch, as published on pages 9-13 of FSR 32/6 (November 1987).

Since then we have given several more remarkable cases, such as the huge golden glow in the sky seen by Miss Mary Freeman at Avebury on the evening of July 13, 1988. A few hours later a fine set of five circles was found, close by, near Silbury Hill, and near where Miss Freeman had had her experience. (See the article *"Did Avebury UFO Produce The Silbury Hill Corn Circles?"*, by FSR Director and Consultant George Wingfield, in FSR 33/4 (December 1988).

We cannot spare the space for describing more than one other recent British case where "something" was seen. At about 7.45 p.m. on September 21, 1986, FSR Consultant Rita Goold and her husband Steve Goold saw what looked like a gigantic "Ferris Wheel" fly across as they were driving down the *M1* Motorway. (In this case, however, we heard of no crop-circles being found anywhere around there, although Mrs Goold said the thing did seem to go down not far from the Highway. (See Rita Goold: *A Ferris Wheel In The Sky"*, in FSR 35/1 (March Quarter 1990).

All "painful" for certain ears

We recognize that reports like these must of course be excruciatingly painful for two very different though equally vitriolic groups of folk in Britain — namely the ladies and gentlemen of our "Media" — the MENDACIOUS BRIGADE as I prefer to call them — and (secondly) a certain tribe of blinkered and pathetically amateurish so-called "Ufologists". (But of course a *third* group ought also to be mentioned, namely the huge body of scientists who are starting to get quite nervous as they perceive that the Universe may after all not be anything like they think, and hope, it to be!)

Patently a good deal of effort goes into seeing that the lid is kept securely on and the truth prevented from getting out. They have their successes here and there, and in all likelihood if our friends in Australia had not heard of any of these British cases which I have just mentioned, it is because of this work of "blocking". But, as some of us learned at school, MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PRAEVALEBIT. — G.C.

IS THIS A GENUINE PHOTO OF ONE OF OUR "LITTLE GREY BRETHREN" FROM THE STARS?

(Translation from German. Précis. G.C.)

Gordon Creighton

I give below, just "for the record" and for general information — and without in any way committing either FSR or myself as to the authenticity or non-authenticity of this photograph or of the accompanying story — my translation of the gist of an article by Rüdiger Kahl which appeared in the German newspaper HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT (Hamburg) for Monday, November 5, 1990. — EDITOR

AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL? — DON'T BE AFRAID — THE ALIENS ARE OUR FRIENDS*

Heilbronn: A face like something out of Steven Spielberg's Hollywood story "MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND". The eyes are narrowed down to seven-inch-long slits. No ears. No hair. A tiny mouth beneath enormous nostrils. Is this the face of an extraterrestrial?

There are in fact folk who claim that this is a photograph of one of the dead little aliens found in a UFO that crashed at Roswell, in New Mexico, USA, on July 2, 1947.

[It is claimed that the photo was taken in 1947, for the American Secret Service, by the mysterious and famous German-American *Nicholas von Poppen*, who was in their employment, and about whom very little seems to be known or to have been divulged. We may have more to say about him at a later date.

Reproductions of this photograph have reached FSR via several channels in recent months. — EDITOR, FSR]

The article in the HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT says the picture of the alien being was kept secret for many years. Then, during the 1970s, a print of it was

The first photograph of a dead alien – recovered at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

given by a Canadian UFO Investigation body to the Soviet astromoner and UFO investigator Professor Feliks Yurevich Zigel' [mentioned many times over past years in FSR. — ED]. Shortly before Zigel's death, which was in December 1988, he gave his print of the photo to Marina Popovich, the famous former Soviet MIG test-pilot, who is herself of course the wife of the renowned Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich, who did 48 orbits of the Earth in *Vostok VI* and is now in charge of the training of other Soviet astronauts. *Marina Popovich has also been involved for the last 15 years or so in Soviet research on UFOs!*

But if, says the writer of the German article, a UFO genuinely did crash in New Mexico in July 1947, then how is it even *possible* that absolutely everyone should have kept quiet about such a matter for so long? Why is there no *evidence?*

"Not so" he replies. "There *is* evidence. And there *are* witnesses." For example, he says, there are the two former C.I.A. agents who last year appeared under code-names in an American video [which many of us here in Britain have seen. — ED.] with their features shaded out. So, says the article, there ARE witnesses who have seen things. BUT THE TROUBLE IS THAT NOBODY WANTS TO BELIEVE THEM!

The article goes on to give other details of the dead entities allegedly found in or near the Roswell craft. They numbered four, were the size of our children (1.35m.). and had no visible sexual attributes. Likewise interesting is the fact that *no food* was found aboard the machine, which must indicate that a *"mother-ship"* had to be somewhere in the offing. The machine possessed neither jets nor any signs of any other propulsion system known to us. Strange hieroglyphic writing was found in it, which it has not yet been possible to decypher. The article goes on to ask why then is there so much secrecy about it all, and concludes with the suggestion that this secrecy is simply due to the desire of the American Government to have for itself the monopoly of all knowledge about alien craft and about advanced alien systems of propulsion. The secrecy, says the writer, cannot possibly (!) be due to any sort of panic among the human public BECAUSE ALL THE ALIENS ARE FRIENDLY TO MAN AND IN ALL THE ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN HUMANS AND ALIENS THERE HAS NOT BEEN ONE SINGLE CASE WHERE ANY KIND OF VIOLENCE HAS EVER BEEN REPORTED! (*Sic.*)*

Marina Popovich with photo.

The article ends with a reference to last year's story (generally rejected by most investigators as fraudulent) of the UFO that allegedly crashed in the Kalahari Desert in South Africa on May 7, 1989 with two living entities that were at once rushed off to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in the U.S.A.

COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

*Admittedly — as we have always maintained — it is perfectly possible and logical that there might be some "friendly aliens". However, in the light of what we know, and what we have been reporting for so many years past, anyone who goes around making blanket assertions about *"all aliens being friendly to mankind"* must be regarded with the very greatest caution and suspicion, and as himself dangerous to mankind, and possibly indeed an agent of such hostile alien creatures.

There remains one final point of interest. When I first saw one of our several reproductions of this photograph, I immediately noticed, as *highly suspicious,* the fact that the moon-faced little critter seems to have a zip-fastener below his chin! And, although we have heard a lot of mighty funny and mighty varied stories, over these past 40 years or so, about alleged aliens and their alleged clothing, I do not recall having ever seen an account that spoke of even what we call *"buttons"* — and certainly none that mentioned a *zipper! However, Tim Good points out that the creature appears to be swathed in a body-bag, which is closed with a zipper, and I am very willing to accept that this might well be the case, and that it might be a standard type of body-bag* as used by the U.S. Armed Forces. — G.C.

AN ALARMING CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON AN ENGLISH HIGHWAY (1989)

By Paul Whitehead, FSR Consultant

In addition to the statement by Mrs Rita Goold, a noted sensitive and a member of FSR's panel of Consultants, this report — as originally compiled by Mr Whitehead — also contained the name of the person who was a passenger in Mrs Goold's car. This gentleman was, at the time, evidently very badly frightened and shaken by the experience, and quite unable to offer any explanation for it except that "it was a UFO". However, that places the gentleman in an uncomfortable dilemma, because he does not like to accept the existence of UFOs, and is, in any case, an officer of the BUFORA organization, a body which has been trying hard to put paid to all UFO studies and research everywhere by demonstrating conclusively that "our subject" is a total myth and a delusion and that all is explained by "meteorology".

It has been pointed out to me that in such circumstances it would be distinctly churlish of us to embroil Mrs Goold's passenger in any sort of embarrassment by revealing his name. I heartily agree, so we shall only refer to him here as "Mr X". — EDITOR

STATEMENT GIVEN TO PAUL WHITEHEAD BY RITA GOOLD

ON the afternoon of Sunday, September 17, 1989, I had been visiting Brinklow Hill (52° 25 N. Lat.; 1° 22 W. Long.) in Warwickshire, central England, to assist (by dowsing) a group of people who were searching for artifacts buried in recent times. The results had been good, and we had been able to recover two daggers which were buried on either side of the entrance to a field. "Mr X", a member of BUFORA, was among a number of folk whom I met later that evening, and, as he was anxious to return quickly to

his home in Leicester, it was arranged that he should travel back with me in my car. ("Mr X" is very disinclined to accept that such a thing as a "UFO could exist, and will always eagerly seek any alternative answer for the phenomenon.)

When we set out from Brinklow for Leicester, the time was just after 11.00 p.m. The Fosse Road, along which we were travelling — a long straight stretch of the modern A5 Highway — is in fact a part of the ancient system of Roman roads in Britain, and traffic on it is normally very quiet in the late hours of Sunday evening.

We were between Brinklow and the A5 when I caught sight of a bright light in the air over to our right and just above the trees. We both thought at first that it was a street-lamp. It had a "wavering" quality and, if it appeared to be moving, I suppose we felt that this was because it was *we* who were travelling, and viewing the thing through trees.

Although such was the initial conclusion of both of us, Mr "X" had in fact already commented that *"something odd was going on in the back of our car". He said that "things lying on the back seat were jumping about".*[1]

I slowed down accordingly to listen, and found indeed that all the objects in the 'boot' of my car (which is an *Estate* model with its 'boot' section open to the interior of the car) were, as he said, literally jumping up and down — *especially my dowsing-rods,* which really were "clattering about". At first I thought of course that this must simply be due to the uneven surface of the road. Not so, however, for the phenomenon was still continuing when we later found ourselves on a very level and smooth stretch of road!

So this business of the things "jumping about" had started only minutes before we became aware of the strange light. As mentioned, I had already slowed down, and I continued to do so, for something was giving me an uneasy feeling. At this stage the light was still apparently about 200 yards ahead of us. And by now we had concluded that it was definitely no street-lamp. *Because there were definitely none around.* (In rural areas of Britain there is usually no street-lighting, the motorist being dependent upon his own headlamps).

The light was now getting brighter and nearer and larger. It was a very white sort of light; it did not dazzle at all; and it was nothing like the headlights of a car. Then, suddenly, while still about 100 yards away on our right front, it moved over to the centre of the road. And it started, very slowly, to come towards us.

I suddenly felt terrified, as there was no logical answer to this. My passenger too could not believe his eyes. He had a camera lying at his feet, and I saw him start to reach down for it, but he did not proceed any further with the movement. *He seemed to be immobilized, frozen.*

The light was now right above the road ahead of us. I wound down my window, and I think I switched off my engine. There was a deathly silence. Not a sound came from the light, and not a sound from anywhere else.

By this time I knew — and so did "X" — that this was a "UFO". And, whilst it had been approaching us, with a "feathery", "bouncing" sort of effect, I knew that I simply had to get away from it at all costs, as it was about to engulf or envelop the car! I even thought for a moment of driving the car up a farm-track lying on our right, though goodness only knows why, because had I done so, it would have put us in a very vulnerable situation indeed with whatever was in front of us!

Never before, in the various previous experiences that I had had with UFOs, had I felt so frightened. (Quite the reverse indeed — there had in those cases always been a sense of well-being — whether or not well-founded?)

But this light made me tremble, and "X" was visibly frightened too. As it drew closer and closer, but still not quite down to road-level, *I mentally pleaded with it to leave us alone!* [2]

Suddenly, it dropped right down on to the road, and seemingly was wide enough to block the entire road. Then it moved to the right of us.

Then it took off again towards us, at a breakneck speed, with no perceptible engine noise, apart from a *"whooshing"* sound as it went past us. And, as it passed, we were both able to see that there was *a solid object* within the body of light, and I estimated that it had been no more than a couple of feet or so above the ground as it went by.

Never at any stage had this light been *dazzling.* It was what I might term "broken-edged", with a "starry effect".

The thing must have been less than a hundred yards ahead of us when it finally dropped down on to the road. My passenger later commented: *"It was as though it then changed shape and course, and materialized into something else . . . like a car!"* My own feeling, however, was that, quite clearly there was something else that was *concealed by the light.*

After it had shot past us, the thing rapidly vanished into the distance. Nothing could have accelerated so fast — unless maybe something jet-propelled?

I raced away from the scene. For both of us felt that it had been sinister. Soon we were on the A5, and the long wide road leading to Leicester.

Then, suddenly, "from out of the blue", as we say — and I most certainly had not seen in my rear mirror or side-mirrors anything creeping up to pass me — some sort of vehicle came right up close behind me! I nearly jumped out of the car with fright, even though I was travelling at about 60 miles per hour. This "car" (?) was only about three feet behind me! Mr "X" turned to look. But with the dazzle from the full lights of this "vehicle" in our eyes, neither of us could perceive what it was.

I signalled for it to pass me, on this very wide stretch of road, but it still clung on to the rear of my car. I dared not brake, in case it might go right into me. I kept on indicating to it to pass, but it merely drew even closer. My car was totally flooded with its light. So I tried to put on more speed to get rid of it. And that was a mistake. The thing seemed to be pushing me to go ever faster and faster. By this time I was trembling and shaking so much that I thought I would have to use my brake. Then, just as I was reaching this pitch of frenzy, the thing suddenly turned right away from the road and left us!

We raced on into Narborough village, which was fully lit. And we discussed the whole incident with people there.

(We checked our watches, and found that no time seemed to have been lost.)

The light — when we had first caught sight of it in the sky — had been of the same form as an elliptically-shaped light that had been seen a few weeks previously, some miles to the east, at Husbands Bosworth. (See my report: *Some Notes on Cornfield Circles At Two Sites in Leicestershire: 1988 and 1999,* in FSR 35/1). That light at Husbands Bosworth had finally turned into the *"Ferris Wheel"* shape, and had possessed a definite structure within the light.

On this present occasion, on the Fosse Road on

September 17, I could not properly perceive any "structure", as the object went past us too rapidly. However, I know that I saw what I saw. (And I could not have hoped for a better co-witness than Mr "X", because of his claims of extensive experience and his markedly sceptical attitude.

Whatever his subsequent claims may have been, I can state emphatically that he had been very scared indeed!)

Mr "X" Questioned (Report By Paul Whitehead)

I (Paul Whitehead) subsequently had the opportunity to interrogate Mr "X", firstly by telephone, and later face-to-face at a meeting in November 1989. His statements to me generally confirmed Mrs Goold's version, but he said he believed that the "light" had simply "gone out" in the road immediately after "an object had shot out of it", and had moved off past the car.

At our meeting in November 1989 Mr "X" still expressed his complete amazement at the case. And he also told me that when he had reached down for his camera he had been *absolutely frozen by fear* (rather than merely *immobilized* by an hypothetical exterior force). *"I was terrified"*, he admitted.

In talking to me, Mr "X" discounted the suggestion (apparently advanced by somebody) that the thing had been "mist lit up by the lights of a car coming from the opposite direction", or that it had been a case of "ball-lightning". He said: "It was an unidentified object. Had it been a car passing through a patch of mist, it would have made a noise as it passed us, just as any other car would. *But the only sound was a 'whoosh'!*

And he continued: "Rita Goold stopped the car, and wound down her window. And out of the light came a vehicle which moved past us very rapidly, on our right-hand side. It all happened very quickly, and I think that after that the light just disappeared".

I asked him: "What sort of vehicle was it?"

He replied: "A low, dark shape, like a *Jaguar* car."

"So, what *was* it?", I pressed.

—*"Something pretending to be a car. Something that was able to manipulate mind and matter"*. (This is a theory that has been mentioned, *inter alia,* in John Keel's book SUPERSPECTRUM).

He went on: "Yes — possibly Rita served as a *catalyst.* We had been engaged in some psychic activities that evening. Yes — I did think that the things bouncing around in the back of the car were being affected by a force of some sort — possibly a force connected with our own psychical research, or connected with 'negative forces'. Perhaps the UFO was even a 'thought form'. I have tried to convince myself that the thing which came out of the light was a car, but I can't. There was no car headlight beam. Though the object did have small lights around it".

Mr "X" confirmed that he had never seen a UFO before.

POSTSCRIPT BY PAUL WHITEHEAD

Mrs Rita Goold, whom I have known for several months, is very highly reputed as "a psychic specializing in materializations". She has had many unusual and extraordinary experiences in her life (and some of these have even been observed by her passenger, Mr "X").

Following upon the incident of September 17, 1989, Rita Goold had another extremely bizarre experience near her own home (outside Leicester), upon which it may be possible to report in due course in FSR. Briefly, it can be said that *she observed a flash of blue light coming out of "a man". Some hours later, she recovered consciousness, and found herself driving her car!*

Mrs Goold has since been hypnotized (in the presence of Mr "X"), and Mr "X" himself has described some details of the hypnotic session. *The contents of the hypnosis session appeared to indicate that Mrs Goold had been taken aboard a craft of some sort, and had sat in a seat there watching a screen on which were portrayed scenes of both past events and future events.* (It may be possible in due course to prepare a full report on this for FSR.)

Meanwhile, this concludes my account of a very strange and unusual experience which was reported to have occurred to two people in Britain. At the moment of writing (December 1989) both of them are still shaken by it.

NOTES & REFERENCES BY EDITOR, FSR

(1) For a completely identical case, in which objects inside a car were seen to *"jump about"* at the moment when a UFO was being sighted, see the experience of Miss Mary Freeman, as described on page 2 of FSR 33/4 in Mr George Wingfield's article *"Did Avebury UFO Produce The Silbury Hill Corn Circles?"*

(2) We have recently received reports of two different cases, in Russia, in which the percipient made some sort of telepathic contact with a UFO. In one of the cases, the percipient pleaded with it "that we should each go our way and leave the other in peace". (See *"A Hunter's Experience"*, on page 15 of FSR 35/3, and *"The KGB And Encounters of the Third Kind"*, on page 7 of this issue.

PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PHENOMENA: UFOMD

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ABSTRACT

Intense luminous unidentified flying object phenomena are reported to produce physiological effects on humans. What appears to be a conglomeration of health complaints is actually a logical progression of clinical symptoms possibly related to the phenomena. The exact mechanism of these physiological effects is unknown. In order to establish proof of a causal relationship, epidemiological methods should be employed.

KEY-WORDS
UFO, intense luminous unidentified flying objects, atmospheric phenomena, medical injuries, physiological effects, and epidemiology.

Many theories of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been established by conjecture, with little attention given to criteria that would establish or reject a causal relationship. As a result, pragmatic thought now classifies UFOs as being either extraterrestrial, non-extraterrestrial, or non-existent. No satisfactory explanation has yet been determined, as a result of a paucity of qualitative and quantitative data. The issue becomes even more complicated when the phenomena are associated with extraterrestrial occupants and abductions.

Associated with the phenomena of UFOs is the manifestation of physiological effects which appear to occur in three clinical stages. These symptoms have been reviewed and reported elsewhere by the author, but are reiterated in this paper for convenience:[1, 2]

Stage 1: Most observations occur at night, and the common initial complaint is the observation of a very intense dazzlingly luminous atmospheric phenomenon at least 150 metres from the observer. The light is blinding and causes the individual to turn away. Eventually the light intensity may subside, and a rapid paralysis ensues. The paralysis frequently experienced by the observer is rather unique. If standing, the observer does not fall, in the vast majority of the cases, but remains fixed toward the luminous phenomenon. The mechanisms of the paralysis are not known, or related to fear. The paralysis is very selective. Despite the incapacity of the upper and lower extremities, visual movements are conserved. Breathing is reported to be somewhat labored. Speech is not possible. A tachycardia is usually reported, perhaps due to the initial fear produced by incapacitation. Sensory nerves are conserved. Sometimes the observer hears a pulsing sound which seems to "fill the entire head". The sounds detected by the observer may be the so-called microwave "hearing effect". After a short period of time, the observer becomes calm and sometimes experiences parapsychological manifestations in the form of telepathic communication.

Stage 2. As the luminous phenomenon disappears there is rapid resolution of the paralysis. The observer may be aware of an unaccountable time-loss and may complain in the next hours of nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, conjunctivitis, and diarrhea. First and second degree skin burns have been reported. Unusual skin markings or peeling and hair loss may occur in the following days. Sometimes there are no untoward effects in the second stage.

Stage 3: The individual reports chronic nightmares and insomnia. The gastrointestinal effects appear to resolve quickly. The skin and hair pathology may last several months. The individual may seek medical assistance, a support group, or remain silent. Hypnosis has been reported to be useful in analyzing the event. Many victims of this experience undergo severe psychosocial changes which may be contributive to post-traumatic stress.

Alleged abducted patients state they have experienced medical examinations by aliens. These evaluations are reported to be extremely crude and are characterized by pain and fear. The patient is usually placed in a horizontal position on a table. Often pregnancy, or a mysterious disappearance of an alleged fetus is reported.

Despite the fact that we have collected medical data regarding this phenomenon, we have not established an etiology or a precise understanding of the pathophysiology. Unfortunately, ufologists have, a priori, assigned other unproven etiologies. Because these hypotheses are not appropriately established, they tend to wear thin and various pitfalls of methodology occur. For instance, an investigator may believe that a victim experiencing "medical injuries" should have as many medical tests as possible. This may result in changes of sensitivity and of specificity in diagnosing the problem. In fact, if 20 unrelated tests are applied to a healthy population, more than 60% of the individuals tested will have one or more test results outside the normal range! Thus, we generate our own confounding factors!

We can better understand the physiological effects of this phenomenon. How can this be achieved? The consistency, strength, specificity, temporal relationship, and coherence of the association of the clinical stages previously described merits attention in establishing causation.[3] Much of medicine is learned through observation, and many diseases have been understood well before the advent of complicated technology. The resulting physiological manifestations associated with UFOs produce many of the symptoms that are seen with other pathological afflictions. Before establishing the etiology of the phenomenon, which is the most difficult and may be unresolvable as in the case of cancer, it is first of all necessary to establish specific physiological associations with the phenomenon in a methodological manner.

Epidemiological techniques must be applied to the physiological events of the UFO phenomenon. If not, we will become stuck in a quagmire of useless data. The abduction cases appear to offer the best examples.

In conclusion, I would like to state that many unknown diseases have been elucidated from similar clinical symptoms that occur with the UFO phenomenon. What is needed is a well organized medical epidemiological study in Ufology. We have the data and the technology to accomplish the task. I will throw the first stone, and state my willingness to organize this formidable task. In a future paper, I will give examples of methodology and direction. I do not promise any spectacular revelations, but it will be surprising to see what we already know, but could not perceive.

The great American poet Robert Frost seems to sum it up in these words:-

"We dance round in a ring and suppose.
But the Secret sits in the middle and knows".

April 29, 1990

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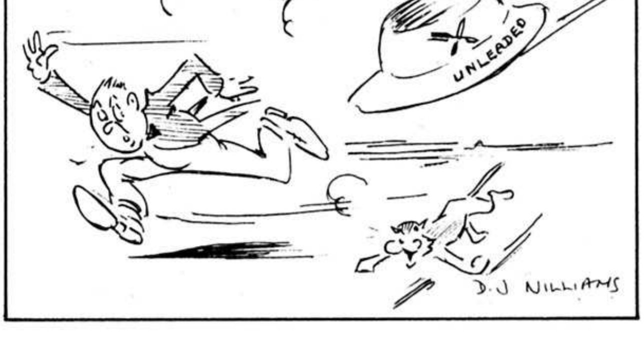

LITIGATION AND SLANDER DEPARTMENT

THE American nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman is well known and respected on both sides of the Atlantic not only for his work in the orthodox scientific fields but also for his many articles and lectures on the UFO Problem and his tenacious struggle over the years in the service of truth.

In a book, issued in Britain in 1987, by J. Randles, Director of Investigations For BUFORA, Mr Friedman was represented as being worthy of recommendation. He had participated in the research for a famous book, *"The Roswell Incident"* (published in the USA and Britain in 1980) about the crashed UFO said to have been found in New Mexico in the first week of July 1947, and this is what J. Randles had written about him:–

> *"Researchers William Moore and Stanton Friedman have provided outstanding evidence (of which this summary* is but a fraction) that supports the reality of these events."*

[* i.e. Randles' *own* summary. — EDITOR, FSR.]

However, all weathervanes are notable for their mobility. And so it seems that by 1989, only two years later, Stanton Friedman was no longer in favour. He was no longer a *bona fide* scientist, but a "fanatic" and a "cultist" and a "crackpot" who believed in the possibility of crashed craft containing little dead alien critters. The cause of all this was the news that Mr Friedman was about to visit Britain and deliver a lecture here — a lecture organized with the help of Mr Harry Harris, the Manchester lawyer who is also well known as a student and an investigator of the pesky UFOs.

So a splendid long diatribe (two foolscap pages) against Friedman and Harris was compiled by BUFORA's Director of Investigations and fired off to a member of the staff of the *Manchester Evening News*, and this newspaper duly carried a big article about it all on October 28, 1989. Both the newspaper's article and the Randles letter (of which we have a copy) are splendid stuff, in the usual vitriolic style to which we are by now all accustomed.

As a result of the appearance of the newspaper article of October 28, 1989, a writ was jointly issued by Mr Friedman and Mr Harris, and High Court proceedings for defamation followed, against the three parties, namely J. Randles; BUFORA; and *The Manchester Evening News*.

Upon the termination of these High Court proceedings, the following statement was published on page 11 of the *Manchester Evening News* for September 15, 1990:–

Apology to Mr Stanton Friedman and Mr Harry Harris

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS Sept. 15, 1990

ON the 19th October, 1989, Stockport resident Ms Jenny Randles, the Director of Investigations of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, wrote to the *Manchester Evening News* concerning a forthcoming lecture shortly to be delivered at Radcliffe on the subject of UFOs by American nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman. The lecture had been organised by local Sale solicitor Harry Harris.

As a consequence of receipt by the *Evening News* of the letter, one of the paper's reporters interviewed Ms Randles at her home. Ms Randles has accepted that her letter was defamatory of Mr Friedman and Mr Harris in that it described Mr Friedman as a "fanatic" and suggested firstly that he and Mr Harris were "cultists and crackpots," secondly that they were not bona fide investigating Ufologists and thirdly that the lecture which Mr Friedman was about to present to the Manchester public was composed of outrageous tripe, distortions, bogus documents and deceit.

Ms Randles also accepts that during the interview with the *Evening News* reporter she led the reporter to believe that Mr Friedman and Mr Harris had adopted a ridiculous belief that the United States government had made a pact with aliens for the abduction of human beings to another planet. Ms Randles accepts that Mr Friedman and Mr Harris never held these beliefs. As a result of Ms Randles' letter and of its subsequent interview with her, the *Evening News* published on the 29th October, 1989, in two different editions of that newspaper, an article based on the views of Ms Randles.

The *Evening News* now with regret recognises that those articles were defamatory of both Mr Friedman and Mr Harris and wishes to apologise to both Mr Friedman and Mr Harris for any distress and embarrassment caused by its repetition of Ms Randles' views.

Ms Randles now acknowledges that the lecture was sincerely and honestly organised and presented by Mr Harris and Mr Friedman respectively. She accepts that they are committed and reputable researchers in the field and further acknowledges that the portions of the articles in the *Evening News* dealing with Mr Friedman and Mr Harris were totally untrue. Accordingly she apologises unreservedly to Mr Friedman and Mr Harris for the distress and embarrassment caused by her statements.

Both Ms Randles and the *Evening News* have agreed to pay Mr Friedman and Mr Harris undisclosed damages and costs in settlement of High Court proceedings for defamation which they have brought following the publication of the articles.

COMING SOON

After the long "Ceausescu Blackout", we have UFO reports again from Romania. Also UFO photos (with negatives!) from Iran, and UFO photos from the USA. And a mass of first-rate new articles and reports from many quarters. There is also a large backlog of readers' letters to FSR which, to our regret, we had to hold back owing to the very extensive recent reports from Russia and Belgium, but we hope to publish the letters soon. EDITOR

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